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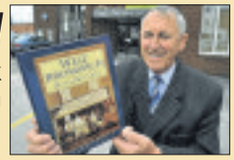

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£5.5m COSTS OF PUBLIC REVAMP

TRANSFORMING The Public into a sixth-form centre will cost around £5.5 million, college bosses have revealed.

And in draft plans seen exclusively by the Express & Star, Sandwell College chiefs have unveiled how the revamp will take shape to turn the West Bromwich arts centre into a sixth-form for 500 A-level students.

By Lisa Wright

The college and Sandwell Council are set to sign a deal to transform the site in a project that will also include arts space and a business support facility.

The proposals would see the two bodies enter into a 25-year partnership. The plans are due to be approved by the borough's cabinet of senior councillors on Wednesday.

Changes

Scott Upton, vice-principal of Sandwell College, revealed that architects have drawn up initial plans for the changes with the conversion costs estimated to be in the region of £5.5m. The college is looking at options of how it will fund the changes, with college income, borrowing and Government grants all options being considered.

Mr Upton also said the existing shape of the building would remain the same, with no major structural changes due to take place.

He added: "We are not looking to destroy the building and its current form because that is one of the things that makes it look attractive."

Early proposals for the ground floor will see the installation of classroom 'pods', which will be free-standing rooms that can be installed without taking down walls. The cafe area will also remain.

It is also proposed to use the existing 'pods' on the fourth floor for informal learning areas. The plans also include using some of the building for arts-based activities, which would be open to the public.

In 2011 the Arts Council was accused of funding a building that was 'not fit for purpose' in a damning report into the organisation's role in building the centre.

The New Street centre will close next month and will open as a sixth form in September 2014.

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300 tyres set alight in arson attack

Firefighters get to work extinguishing old tyres that were set alight in the yard off Whitehall Road, Tipton

THIS was the scene after arsonists set 300 tyres on fire at a derelict industrial yard.

Firefighters were called to the yard on Whitehall Road in Great Bridge on Tuesday night to the large blaze, which created a huge plume of acrid black smoke.

Around 15 firefighters from West Bromwich and Tipton fought the blaze for around two-and-a-half hours before leaving the scene.

Residents living opposite the enclosed yard were warned to keep their doors and windows closed against the smoke as a precaution, although the wind carried smoke away from homes.

Tipton white watch crew commander Darren Kendall, who was the incident commander at the scene, said: "We had approximately 300 tyres on fire, and it was quite a difficult one as they consisted of lorry and forklift truck tyres.

"It was a substantial blaze – we could see it when we left the station, and a huge amount of smoke. We first thought it might have been the factory connected to the yard.

"We did an inspection of the factory premises but thankfully nothing had spread to the nearby units."

The blaze took hold at around 9pm. Mr Kendall said the fire was arson, and the police had been called to carry out their own investigations.

He added: "Thankfully the smoke was travelling in the opposite direction to the houses, so it could have been far worse. There was an incredible amount of heat and we were lucky nobody got hurt."

The fire was out and firefighters were leaving the scene just after 11pm.

Mosques security plans are drawn up

COUNTER-terrorism police are drawing up security plans for three mosques which were hit by bombs, experts have revealed.

They are assessing the Kanzul Iman Central Jamia Mosque in Binfield Street, Tipton, where a nail bomb exploded in July, while a review is also under way to see if extra CCTV cameras should be provided nearby.

Meanwhile, police are advising bosses at Wolverhampton Central Mosque, where officers found evidence of the 'seat of an explosion' in July, as well as Aisha Mosque and Islamic Centre in Rutter Street, Walsall, where a home-made bomb went off in June.

In Tipton, a working group has been established involving police, Sandwell Council and Network Rail. Network Rail were included because of the disused railway line running around the perimeter of the mosque.

The embankment and foliage has already been cut back but residents have asked that trees to the rear of Mayfair Gardens in particular are not cleared.

Minutes of a Tipton Town Service Improvement Board meeting add: "Options were also being explored in relation to the provision of additional CCTV cameras. Any options would be subject to consultation with residents."

Awards joy for top chef

A CURRY chef is celebrating after being named one of the top in the UK.

Shumon Miah, who runs the Lamp Restaurant and Bar in Wednesbury, was one of 44 chefs to receive official recognition at the 2013 Curry Chef of the Year Awards at the Lancaster Hotel in London.

Chef Miah, from the Upper High Street-based venue, said: "It's hard work in the kitchen, but I love what I do and it is nice to see that recognised. A successful restaurant is a team effort so this award is for everyone I work with."

Market days set to stay

EXTRA market days will be retained in Oldbury despite complaints from nearby businesses they cannot compete with stallholders. Council chiefs in Sandwell extended market days in the town in May from Tuesdays and Fridays to include Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays as well.

Traders nearby however said they were not seeing the benefits of extra footfall, just struggling to compete as they had larger overheads and business rates. Papers which will be decided upon by the authority's jobs and economy chief Councillor Ian Jones next Monday set out how the council plans to go forward.

Deadline is set on children's services

MAJOR improvement plans for Sandwell's ailing children's services department should be in place by Christmas, it has been revealed.

It comes after Ofsted named the borough as one of 20 of the worst authorities in England for caring for the most vulnerable children in society in its first stand-alone annual report, released on Tuesday.

Councillor Simon Hackett took on responsibility for the department when Ofsted branded it 'inadequate' in April.

He said: "We have a major improvement plan in progress at present. One to restructure the service and the other to work with families at an earlier stage. We should have them in place by Christmas.

"I work on the basis that if things are not good enough for my children then they are not good enough for anyone else's."

Neighbouring Birmingham was also named as one of 20 councils across the country where the standard of child protection is 'unacceptably poor' yesterday.

In April, Ofsted's findings led to the resignation of two of the service's bosses. The councillor in charge of children's services at the time, Bob Badham, also gave up his position in the cabinet, and was replaced by Councillor Hackett.

Call on fires at hoardings

RESIDENTS are being urged to be vigilant after two brazen youths were spotted deliberately starting fires.

The culprits were seen lighting bushes on Portway Road, Wednesbury, last Thursday. Firefighters from the town's station, around 150 yards away from the scene of the fires, attended.

Councillor Olwen Jones, for Wednesbury South ward said: "The bushes were under the advertising hoardings and if they had gone up, the warehouses behind the hoardings could have caught fire."

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Tourist gets £1k bill for five-minute download

Stacey Withers with the download on screen

A HORRIFIED mother was left with a bill of more than £1,000 from Orange for downloading five minutes of cartoon film Madagascar on holiday.

Stacey Withers, from Tipton, was charged more for the clip than she was for a week's luxury getaway to Turkey.

The dental nurse, aged 25, had downloaded the DreamWorks film to cheer up her three-year-old son Joel, who fell ill with an ear infection during the holiday two weeks ago. But she was astounded when she discovered the clip had cost her £1,118.05p – £101 more than the holiday and the equivalent of £223.60 per minute. The mother-of-one, who had saved for two years for the trip, has refused to pay. She said: "It's absolutely disgusting."

She said her son had been crying for nearly six days because of his infection. "He is mad for Madagascar and I knew it was the only thing that might get him to calm down" she said. "I turned on data roaming for about five minutes and started to download it and got about 18 per cent. I started to worry it would cost me a few hundred – so I stopped." She was on holiday with her partner Danny Langford, 23, and Joel.

An Orange spokeswoman said: "Customers are automatically capped to ensure they are not charged more than £51 for roaming data in a given month. In this instance the customer contacted Orange to opt out."

900 drug plants are seized in unit swoop

TEN MEN have been arrested and 900 cannabis plants worth more than £400,000 were seized after police officers swooped on a factory unit.

Officers in Tipton discovered the cannabis plants in an early morning raid following tip-offs from members of the public. The drugs were seized from a unit in Phoenix House, Castle Street, Tipton. A total of 916 cannabis plants were growing inside the factory unit with an approximate value of £415,000.

The 10 aged between 25 and 59 were arrested and have been bailed while further inquiries are carried out.

Pc Mark Devereaux, from Tipton Green Neighbourhood Team which carried out the raid, said: "Officers were acting on local intelligence about suspicious activity at the factory units. We want to reassure our local community that we will always act on information that comes through to us."

Officers swooped at 2am on Monday and spent several hours removing the plants from the factory unit.

It is the latest in a series of recent raids on suspected drugs operations across Sandwell. Last month, officers seized cannabis worth £1 million following two drugs raids which uncovered almost 1,500 plants.

Officers from Sandwell police raided the addresses in West Bromwich and Great Bridge in Tipton. The first property was raided in High Street, West Bromwich, after it was sold at auction a few months ago and officers had kept an eye on it.

Meanwhile, a second warrant was executed in Market Place, Great Bridge, where more than 1,000 plants were discovered over three floors of the building. Police have charged two men with the cultivation of cannabis.

In August, a £500,000 cannabis factory was discovered in a police raid on a Tipton motorbike shop.

Police call as fridges dumped in the street

FRIDGES are being dumped in streets, prompting police to remind passers-by they can report them to a council to be removed.

Officers in Hill Top said there had been 'several instances' of fridges being dumped in the street after valuable wiring had been removed.

Residents are being reminded Holloway Metals, Holloway Bank, Wednesbury, accepts fridges and will dispose of them responsibly.

Sergeant Sean Griffiths, of Wednesbury South neighbourhood, also said they could also be reported to Sandwell Council for removal.

It is believed scrap collectors are picking up fridges from homes and then dumping them after removing metal parts to sell on.

New Environment Agency rules state flammable insulating foam has to be removed before a fridge is taken to a tip.

It means scrapyards will no longer accept whole fridges or freezers.

Urgent call on £70k church bill

Warden Donald Griffiths and Reverend Tim Vasby-Burnie launch an appeal to raise funds

A CHURCH urgently needs to raise £70,000 to fix the extensive damage caused when one of its boilers exploded. Two gas boilers at St Bartholomews in Wednesbury need to be replaced after one of them blew up earlier this year, during the summer.

Steam issuing from the explosion also damaged the boiler room, choir vestry and steeple while electrics were damaged, which have led to associated problems with the church's clock not working.

Firefighters called to the scene due to the white steam billowing from the steeple also damaged the church's door after having to force their way in.

The lighting system within the church, on Church Hill, also needs to be replaced, and redecorating has still not been done after the roof developed a leak when lead was stolen several years ago. One of the church's two wardens Donald Griffiths said: "Both boilers need to be replaced, we suffered damage to the ceiling of the choir vestry and in the boiler room, carpets and floor coverings were damaged beyond repair."

Mr Griffiths said the congregation is thinking of approaching English Heritage and the National Lottery for funding, but in the meantime is planning several events to start the ball rolling.

On November 9 at 7pm the Warley Male Choir is performing at the church, along with a solo organist, and on December 7, there will be a Christmas fair.

Tickets to the concert cost £6 and are available on the door or from Mr Griffiths on 0121 556 8796. Inquiries for stalls at the Christmas fair would also be welcome.

Emily sings her way to next round

Emily Badger – on her way

A TEENAGER from Tividale has made it to the penultimate round of a national singing competition.

Emily Badgerhas has gotthrough to the area finals of the Open Mic UK 2013 contest which celebrates the best unsigned singers from across the country.

The 13-year-old, who attends St Michael's C of E High School, Rowley Regis, performed in the regional finals on October 5 at Birmingham's NEC

She has won through to the next round, which will also see her singing at the NEC on November 24. She could now progress to the national grand final at London's O2 on January 18, where she will be fighting to win a £5,000 cash prize.

Emily has performed The Lord Is My Shepherd at The Hawthorns in front of thousands of West Bromwich Albion supporters and was also invited to perform for Coneygre Arts at the Judgestock Festival.

She has been invited back by Albion to perform at their home game against Crystal Palace on November 2.

MP's pledge over cancer

AN MP is championing the fight of Prostate Cancer UK to improve the quality of care. Warley MP John Spellar is hoping to raise the issue on the Labour party's agenda and also improve care in Sandwell.

He said: "This is an issue we need to attack head on if we are going to help more men survive and have a better quality of life. That is why I have pledged to help Prostate Cancer UK bring about real and lasting change for men in Sandwell and beyond."

Home for auction

THE former Greenhaven Residential Centre in Grout Street, Great Bridge, is being auctioned on October 24 with has a guide price of £550,000 to £600,000. It was closed this year after being transferred from Sandwell Council to Sandwell Community Caring Trust.

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Schools to be given free snow clear kits

FREE snow kits will be given to schools in Sandwell this winter to help them stay open in bad weather, after freezing conditions caused widespread disruption earlier this year.

The move comes after council chiefs said they needed to draw up an action plan with schools in May to stop sites being closed.

The authority's leader Councillor Darren Cooper then wrote to every borough school asking them what needed to be done to ensure they could stay open in severe weather.

He said closures not only had repercussions on the economy, but could also prove costly to parents who have to take time off work to look after their children.

Now chiefs have decided to extend their Snow Champions scheme, under which residents are given free snow shovels and salt to make pathways safe.

Each kit will include six snow shovels, a grit bin and half a ton of rock salt. The kits are offered to council-run schools for free. There is a charge of £195 for academies.

Yoga career for woman

WHEN Harjinder Mann took voluntary redundancy from her council job, she turned to yoga to relax and fill her spare time. And the mother-of-two enjoyed it so much that she has now turned it into a career.

Mrs Mann has qualified as a Hatha yoga teacher and has set up classes in Great Barr and Bentley.

Yoga can help people suffering from stress, anxiety and depression, she says.

Mrs Mann, of Gloucester Road, Park Hall, said: "By taking part in yoga you will be able to discover profound inner relaxation."

She teaches at Great Barr Methodist Church on Mondays and Bentley Leisure Pavilion on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8.15pm. For details call 07795 359365.

Charity concert

A MUSICAL group is holding a concert for charity. The Willenhall Musical Society's annual charity concert is on October 26 at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School in Willenhall at 7.30pm.

Free travel scheme helps jobless find work

A TOTAL of 199 people have been helped into work by an award-winning free travel scheme in four months.

Passenger transport authority Centro unveiled the WorkWise project, which provides free travel passes for unemployed people travelling to interviews or starting new jobs, a decade ago.

In Sandwell, latest figures showed it helped 199 people into work between April and July.

Bosses said many of those to benefit were taking up jobs at the £200 million New Square development in West Bromwich town centre. Councillor Ian Jones said he was pleased to see the Tesco-led regeneration scheme bearing fruit.

He said: "Sandwell Council and its partners are getting people into jobs. What we need to understand is that we have said the Tesco development would create 2,000 jobs.

Reward

"People are now starting to take them up. This is 14 years in the planning and it's now coming to fruition and we are getting people into work.

"It's the right reward for the best part of quarter of a billion pounds of investment.

"These are jobs mostly within the service sector but they are jobs for people who otherwise may be on the dole. We knew it would have an impact on the borough and should be bringing down jobless numbers across Sandwell."

WorkWise had been promoted to job-seekers when many retailers opened at the New Square development, with organisers saying they saw a 'huge increase' in inquiries. WorkWise offers jobseekers free day tickets, travel passes, transport advice and journey plans for interviews, and for up to eight weeks in a new job.

People could also be equipped with a range of tailored cycling support including free bikes, cycle training and route planning to get to new jobs with pedal power.

It is also available for people who are claiming Jobcentre Plus benefits, for people who are not already assisted with travel costs and who live within a selection of eligible wards.

People can check their ward details by entering their postcode at **www.neighbourhood.sta tistics.gov.uk**.

For more information call 0121 214 7436, visit **www.networkwestmidlands.com /workwise** or email workwise@centro.org.uk.

Public to close two weeks earlier for big clear out

THE Public will close two weeks earlier than expected on November 16.

The West Bromwich arts centre was due to close on November 30 after Sandwell Council pulled funding. However bosses said they need two weeks to pack up and close the venue down.

Previously it emerged the council is set to sign a deal with Sandwell College to transform the building into a sixth-form college which would include arts space and a business support facility.

by Alex Homer

The deal – under which Sandwell College and the council enter into a 25-year partnership – was due to be put to the borough council's cabinet of senior councillors on Wednesday.

Transformation

Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper has said the transformation of The Public would save taxpayers £37 million over the course of the building's proposed lease, instead of the council maintaining its current annual subsidy of nearly £1.6m.

The transformation will mean closing The Public's doors in November to allow conversion work on all floors of the building in time for a sixth-form centre there to open in September 2014.

It had initially been reported that the venue would close on November 30, however it will now be earlier. Linda Saunders, managing director of the New Street centre said: "Our contract ends on the 30th, We have agreed with the council that we will close on November 16 simply because we have got to pack up our stuff and we cannot close the building and pack up in one day."

Mrs Saunders said around five members of staff had already left, but it was likely more would leave closer to the closing date.

She added: "We have to pack and close up and obviously we physically hand the building back to the council on the 29th of November so we need two weeks to pack our stuff up and sort our stuff out and leave the building."

Businesses and community groups which are currently based at the building, but which need to relocate, are being given help by the council to find new homes.

Hundreds sign up to walk

MORE than 800 people have now signed up to a charity's first-ever lantern walk.

Walsall Arboretum will be shining brightly this weekend in support of Acorns Children's Hospice. Organisers say 807 people have registered for the fundraiser so far which is taking place on Saturday and is expected to raise thousands of pounds for Acorns. Walkers will set off from the lake at the Arboretum at 3.30pm to complete either a 12km or 5km route. To register go to www.acorns.org. uk/lantern, or call 0844 9840405. People can also register on the day.

Comedian Lenny is a freeman at last

Comedian and actor Lenny Henry after he received the Freedom of the Borough at Dudley Council House

FROM being a teenage helper at Dudley Zoo to achieving worldwide comedy stardom, Lenny Henry couldn't hide his surprise as he received the Freedom of Dudley, saying 'this wasn't supposed to happen to me'.

The comedian and actor, who grew up on the Buffery estate, said he was incredibly moved to receive the honour from Mayor Alan Finch – and proved on top form when giving his acceptance speech at a special ceremony at the Town Hall last Wednesday night.

He joked he would have to change career after learning he could now drive sheep up the town's market High Street. But he also thanked the town for providing a spring for his career, picking out old club scene venues including The Town Hall and the Queen Mary Ballroom in Dudley.

He said: "People always ask what Dudley did for me – living here taught me you had to work hard to get anywhere in life.

"Three minutes on stage at the Queen Mary Ballroom would teach you that real quick, if you ain't funny someone from the Priory Estate would throw a cinder block at you."

He also used his chance in front of council leaders to joke about the time spent to decide on granting him the honour. Councillors took six months after questions were raised about the criteria for the award, which is usually handed to long-serving councillors and army regiments.

He also mentioned campaigners wanting to save the Dudley Hippodrome, which is set to be demolished under controversial council plans to regenerate the Castle Hill area.

He said: "It would be fantastic if there was a theatre or an arts centre in Dudley to encourage talented people to pursue careers in acting, singing, dancing, visual arts and even comedy."

NEWS in brief

M6 Toll boost due to works

MORE roadworks on the M6 proved good news for M6 Toll operators Midland Expressway, as it cut its losses by nearly £5 million.

But the company still made a loss of £36.7m in 2012, according to its financial figures just filed with Companies House.

During the year 13.07 million customers used the M6 Toll road, up from 13.04m the year before as it benefited from the start of roadworks on the M6 in April 2012.

As a result, toll revenue was up 3.9 per cent to £58.05m for the year, boosted by an increase in the charges. Other income, including a 'substantial' contribution from the M6 Toll motorway service station, was £2.51m.

In the directors' report, they said: "Disruption is likely on the M6 throughout 2013 and it is envisaged that the M6 Toll will benefit from increased traffic using the road."

Splashing out on goods in region

PEOPLE in the West Midlands have been spending more over recent weeks, splashing out on restaurant meals, DIY and clothing as the economy shows increasing signs of recovery, new figures reveal.

Overall consumer spending in the region rose by 2.2 per cent in September, with spending in restaurants up 11.2 per cent, DIY up 5.8 per cent and clothing up 2.4 per cent, according to Barclaycard.

But that puts West Midland shoppers among the nation's most cautious. David Gibbons, Barclays retail director for the West Midlands said: "Shoppers are spending more but they remain cautious and we're seeing them make smart choices."

Ready for bright night at museum

SPARKS will fly at the Black Country Living Museum when bonfire night gets underway on November 5.

The evening will include a fanfare of barrel organs, showman's organs and a brass band playing popular sing-along tunes.

There will also be a roaring bonfire, a Guy Fawkes dummy and fire-juggling, as well as a feast of Black Country fayre. Tickets cost £15.50 for adults, £12.40 for seniors and £8.25 for young people, and must be pre-booked on 0121 520 8054.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THIS was the week when the authorities announced that if you arrange an abortion because the unborn baby happens to be a little girl, you will not get into trouble but if you make the little girls sit behind the boys in a Muslim school, you will get into serious trouble. Proud to be British?

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PROBLEM? What problem? The ruling classes will not be in the least worried by this week's report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) showing England has some of the worst literacy and numeracy rates in the developed world. Rich people know it doesn't apply to their kids who can still get a fine education from as little as £10,000 a year in private schools. It's the state schools, bedevilled by indiscipline, lack of leadership and the chronic dumbing-down of exams, that have allowed reading, writing and arithmetic to slide off the list of priorities. The same report tells us that Britain has the worst levels of social mobility in the Western world. The chances of a working-class kid making it into a top job are worse today than they were 50 years ago.

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THE chief operating officer of Nissan, Toshiyuki Shiga, warned this week that it is "very important" that Britain remains part of the European Union. Sound familiar? In October 2002 Nissan issued another stern warning, that its huge UK operation could be endangered if Britain didn't adopt the euro. Just because they're big, it doesn't always mean they're right.

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WHY is car insurance so expensive? A reader tells me his daughter's new car suffered a tiny, glancing blow in a car park. The main dealer, sensing an insurance claim, quoted £600 for the repair and wanted to take the vehicle away for five days. A local bodyshop fixed it in a single day, for £72.

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ANNIE Lennox condemns the "overtly sexualised" performances of some pop singers. Hang on. Would this be the same Annie Lennox who shocked us back in the 1980s by regularly forgetting to wear a shirt? Looks like a case of the bra calling the thong black.

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THERE is an old belief that prostitutes do not pay income tax, on the grounds that the State would not dirty its hands by taking immoral earnings. This turns out to be an urban myth. Southwark Crown Court this week ordered a former "high-class escort" to pay £175,000 in unpaid tax and costs. At one stage she was earning £1,000 a night. Her excuse was that she was paying her way through university. BEd, presumably.

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WHERE do they get the audiences for Any Questions (Radio 4)? The latest, from the solid, hard-headed Yorkshire town of Ilkley, considered making the under-25s report for training in exchange for the dole. So did the good folk of Ilkley want the nation's youth to spend their days festering away on sofas, or to do summat positive for their money? Astonishingly, the audience voted overwhelmingly for the fester-option. I simply do not believe my fellow Tykes would vote as this audience voted. Maybe they had been bussed in from Lancashire.

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A FRIEND had a scary encounter with a whole bunch of cyclists who were out on an evening ride, which involved flashing lamps on bikes, plus helmet-bulbs and reflective hi-viz jackets. He says this dangerous, dazzling, slow-moving mass of coloured lights looked like something out of Close Encounters of the Third Kind, but without the intelligence.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Green light likely on Metro extension

The planned Metro extension will pass the new Library of Birmingham

PROPOSALS to further extend the Midland Metro tram network under a multi-million pound scheme are expected to be approved next week.

It is planned to extend the tram through Paradise Circus, past the historic Town Hall and up to Centenary Square, passing the £188.8 million Library of Birmingham.

And on Monday, Birmingham City Council's cabinet are due to back the project.

If approved, the extension will provide two new stops at the Town Hall and Centenary Square. And it will be the first major infrastructure project brought forward through the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan, which supports growth and investment in the city centre.

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership approved in 2011 the creation of a zone made up of 26 key investment sites across the centre of the city, which have the potential to create 40,000 new jobs and boost the local economy by £2 billion.

The EZ Investment Plan was approved in July 2012, providing in principle agreement to £128m of funding to kickstart the development of the zone. As well as the Metro extension, the next stage of the investment phase of the plan will see a renewal of Centenary Square and improvements to roads.

Councillor Tahir Ali, development boss, said: "This will deliver improved public transport to two key sites within the Enterprise Zone – Paradise Circus and Arena Central – which will help connect people to employment opportunities, provide an alternative to driving and connect the business community to mainline train stations linking to London and the north.

Owners of unit hit by fire in talks on future

by Tom Mason

PLANS for the future of a fire-ravaged factory unit in Tipton are being discussed by its owners after complaints and petitions from neighbours.

Around 40 firefighters tackled the blaze in Bankfield Road, near Toll End Road, in May this year. It destroyed up to 90 per cent of the former factory building.

An inspection carried out after the fire by a structural engineer found the building to be unsafe and it was torn down leaving piles of debris and rubbish on the small patch of land. The site of the fire remained unclean with bricks, debris and tyres left there for months until people living near Bankfield Road started a petition to get Sandwell Council to take action.

Councillor Derek Rowley said: "The site was a real eyesore for people living on the street and those on Toll Road who overlooked it."

Responsible

He said having spoken with the council's planning enforcement officers an investigation into who owned the site began and after months of work the company responsible for the land were contacted.

He added: "Our enforcement officers approached the two owners, who eventually agreed to clean it up for us after a persuasive conversation. They've now cleared up the site and apart from a pile of tyres in one corner, it's looking much better. The owners are now in consultation with our officers as to the proposed future plans for the site."

Brian Jones has lived in the street for 33 years. He said: "From where I live it wasn't too bad, but you would get people over there burning stuff and hanging around.

"What they have done over there is brilliant, it has made a big difference to the road. I heard that they may want to turn it into bungalows. I think anything would be better than an empty patch of land."

Another resident, who did not wish to be identified, whose house overlooks the site of the fire from Toll Road, said: "It was a real eyesore for me and my neighbours, I'm so glad something has been done to tidy it up."

Plans to build bungalows on the site had been submitted before the fire in 2008, but they were refused by the council.

The company that owns the land was unavailable for comment.

Kirsty steps up for youngsters

Dancing school set to launch

A FORMER Black Country beauty queen has swapped her stilettos for dancing shoes to launch a new school for talented young performers.

Dance fan Kirsty Tubb, who was Wednesbury carnival queen in 2006, is launching her own dance School, KL Academy, in Wednesbury, to teach street dance to young people aged seven to 17.

She said: "Street dance has become really popular, especially with groups like diversity always on TV. So far I have had a really good response from people wanting to join.

Children

"I have wanted to do this for ages" said the 22-year-old from Wednesbury. "Being carnival queen gave me a stepping stone to be able to do this."

The club will be held at the Wesley Centre in Springhead, Wednesbury, every Thursday from 6pm until 7pm for children aged 7-11 and from 7pm until 8pm for youngsters aged 12-17.

For more Information about KL Academy call 07931673381.

Dance stance Kirsty Tubb, aged 22, with her carnival queen sash

Homeless man had a knife near play area

A HOMELESS man was jailed after he was seen sharpening a kitchen knife in a public park close to a children's play area.

Police were called to Britannia Park in Rowley Regis after a member of the public spotted Shabab Hussain playing with the knife, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting, said that the call to the police was around 11.30am on September 12 this year. He said: "When they arrived they found this defendant was sat sharpening his knife, very close to the children's play area."

When the police approached Hussain, he fled and dropped the knife. In order to detain him police used a taser. The court heard in interview Hussain, of no fixed address, said he had drunk a large quantity of vodka and smoked cannabis the night before and could not remember how he ended up in the park with the knife.

Hussain had previously been convicted of having a bladed article in a public place. The court heard the 25-year-old had already served 28 days in prison and Judge Eades jailed him for four weeks. He must pay an £80 victim surcharge.

Festival offers taste of US ale

BEERS from across the pond will be on sale as part of a 16-day beer festival which started yesterday.

The Billiard Hall pub in West Bromwich will be serving the drinks alongside beers from the UK.

The US craft beers on offer have been sourced from brewers from states including California, Georgia, Massachusetts and Oregon. The festival runs until October 31.

Centre marks anniversary

AN ADVICE centre for people coming to the country from the EU is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special birthday event.

On October 24, the Global Centre on West Bromwich High Street will be greeting all customers with a glass of champagne and a cake. All services will also be free of charge on the day, from between 10am and 8pm.

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Directors of PPI firm are banned for 22 years

TWO directors of a West Midland PPI reclaim company that targeted customers including a 94-year-old woman, and never refunded any money, have been banned from running companies for a total of 22 years.

In the end the business collapsed with debts of nearly £1.8 million in 2011.

Mohammed Mashedi and Abdul Kauser, directors of Total Refund (TR), Tyseley, Birmingham, were disqualified for using cold-calling and high pressure sales techniques to sell Payment Protection Insurance reclaim services.

Mr Mashedi and Mr Kauser, both aged 31, have signed disqualification undertakings not to be a director, manage or control a company for 11 years each, following an investigation by the Insolvency Service. David Brooks, head of insolvent investigations at the Insolvency Service, said, the company broke the rules, and people who trusted the company to help them reclaim PPI, found themselves paying more fees.

Night at the Hippodrome

FAMILIES are invited to a unique overnight event being held at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Those who attend can spend the night taking part in activities inspired by First World War commemorations alongside the award-winning, internationally acclaimed National Theatre production of War Horse.

It will take place at the theatre's Patrick Centre from 7pm on October 25 until 8am on October 26.

The evening will feature activities reminiscent of 1914 England including crafts, games, singing, storytelling and creating individual trench art.

To find out more visit **www.familyarts.co.uk**.

Council nursery has child places

SANDWELL COUNCIL has opened its nursery to parents and carers looking for care for their children.

There are free places for two, three and four-year-olds available at Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury. Contact Penny Berry on 0121 569 3165.

Force axing 1,100 may begin recruiting again

A RECRUITMENT drive could be launched by West Midlands Police – despite the force having to get rid of 1,100 officers.

The force has lost more officers than it hoped to in the past six months, also resulting in a £24m underspend in its budget.

Chiefs blamed high stress levels and low morale for the high numbers of officers leaving the force.

A consultation on new recruitment will be launched in November, with police and crime commissioner Bob Jones saying losing extra staff but saving money at the same time was 'mixed news'.

The force needs to axe the 1,100 officers by 2015 as part of £126m savings. That equates to 220 a year but an extra 29 officers have been lost since April alone on top of those needed to be axed.

Chief finance officer for the police and crime commissioner, Mike Williams, said recruitment opportunities could be considered as funding was put in place.

Assumptions

He added: "The savings within pay continue the theme of securing reductions required early for the next financial year.

"Based upon these assumptions future staffing levels are likely to be significantly below affordable levels.

"This gives the flexibility to considering workforce mix or recruitment opportunities. However, any opportunities must be considered in the light of uncertain future financial settlements."

Meanwhile Mr Jones said he was conscious that talented officers would have to be replaced.

He added: "It's mixed news – it helps us get to our very significant financial savings target earlier.

"However, there are risks attached to losing bodies and it's sometimes the case that our more talented members have opportunities to leave.

"In some ways if people are leaving naturally it assists us getting to our reduction targets. We have a job in seeking to replace those. We're conscious that we need to replace those skills."

Ian Edwards, chairman of the West Midlands branch of the Police Federation, said policing was not an enticing career as it once was.

He added: "There are jobs elsewhere in the private sector and there are disillusioned officers who are managing to find jobs abroad, at other forces and in the private sector.

"There has been much higher levels of stress, high workloads, an ongoing pay freeze, increases in pension contributions and less opportunity for promotion and movement within the force."

Driver set his own car alight to destroy evidence of crash

A MAN set fire to his own car after it had been involved in a road accident in an attempt to destroy evidence, a court heard.

Christopher Rose was spotted by an off-duty police officer, climbing over the wall of the Oldbury garage where the car was being stored at 7.30am on July 2 this year.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told the Rover vehicle had been taken to Star Autos by police following a collision the previous evening.

The court heard that Rose, 25, had told the officer: "I haven't done anything."

He had a hooded top under one arm and wrapped in it was the steering wheel of the vehicle which he had removed, the court heard.

Rose, of Heathfield Close, Old Hill, had then made off but was arrested later.

The car was found to have been set on fire.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to pervert the course of justice during the hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He also admitted a charge of dangerous driving which had taken place on July 7 – while he was on bail for the earlier offence.

Report by Lee Watton

The court was told that Rose had led police on a chase along roads across the Sandwell area cutting up cars and even going through a red light.

The pursuit had ended when the vehicle being driven by Rose collided with a taxi.

A girl passenger in the taxi travelling home from school suffered minor injuries in the smash.

Rose was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment for perverting the course of justice charge and 12 months for the dangerous driving to be served consecutively.

Mrs Blondelle Thompson, defending, said: "All of these incidents are related to my client's drug addiction.

"He is working to address that," she added.

Date for HS2 conference

THE Midlands has been chosen to host the first conference aimed at finding businesses to help turn the government's controversial HS2 scheme into a reality.

Transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin has been confirmed as a keynote speaker at the ICC in Birmingham on November 5.

Representatives from HS2 Ltd will set out how companies will be able to access more than £10 billion of contracts to help deliver the ambitious £42.6bn scheme.

HS2 Ltd commercial director Beth West said, the supply chain conference offers businesses the chance to prepare themselves for opportunities available.

Blustery weather sees tree block road

The huge tree lies across the road at the junction of Hamstead Road and Heather Road in Great Barr, after it fell down

AN 80FT TREE crashed onto a road in Great Barr, narrowly missing a home and vehicles, following the first of the real autumn winds to hit the Black Country.

Josephine Lewis said she had a lucky escape when the black maple tree in her back garden toppled over.

Josephine, aged 23, was in the back room of her parents' house in Great Barr when the tree crashed down at 5pm yesterday.

It blocked the junction of Hamstead Road and Heather Road but missed homes, vehicles and anyone passing by. Miss Lewis, a student, said: "I feel extremely lucky.

"It is a huge tree and it could have gone the way of my house and literally flattened it, it's quite scary really."

She added: "It's really odd, there was no sign before of it coming down.

"I heard a creak and then a huge bang outside. I couldn't believe it when I looked outside.

Miss Lewis said her parents, on hearing about the tree, had cut their holiday short to return home.

She said: "We had wanted the tree to be cut down, but because it is a listed tree, which is apparently quite rare, I didn't think it was possible."

Neighbours had heard the tree come down in Great Barr last night.

Harpreet Kaur, aged 26, also of Heather Road, said: "It sounded like a thunder storm outside when it came down. Everyone was in shock when they saw it."

Weather experts say a 'short, sharp shock' of cold temperatures is expected to descend after the Indian summer.

NEWS in brief

Man on night out was hit by truck

A MAN who was out on a night out with friends was killed after being knocked over by a truck, an inquest heard.

Smethwick Coroners Court heard how 39-year-old Darren Smart of King Street, Dudley had been out with friends in Dudley on September 27.

Senior Coroner Robin Balmain said: "He had been out drinking with friends when he stumbled into the road and was struck by a recovery truck that didn't stop."

He added: "I am led to believe that the driver handed himself in."

A post mortem found multiple injuries to head and chest. The inquest was adjourned.

Firefighter is hurt falling down shaft

THE injuries to a firefighter who fell 25ft down a lift shaft are more serious than first feared, doctors have said.

The firefighter fell through a roof and down a 25ft lift shaft while tackling a blaze at a children's centre on Hamstead Road, on the border of Sandwell and Handsworth.

He was rescued by colleagues before receiving treatment from West Midlands Ambulance Service and taken to hospital.

A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service said his injuries were not life threatening.

New mental health hospital to be built

ONE of the largest mental health hospitals helping children and teenagers will be built at a cost of £8.8 million.

It will be run by the Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and will replace an existing site on Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

It is expected work will start next year and could open in 2017. The hospital will treat those between five and 16 years old.

Motorist escapes unhurt from crash

A CAR crashed into a set of traffic lights forcing the closure of a main route in the Black Country.

Police were called to the junction of Wolverhampton Road and Newbury Lane in Oldbury at 7.15am last Thursday.

Firefighters were called and made the car safe after petrol spilled on to the road. The driver was not injured.

NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

ADVOCATES of mother-and-child parking spaces at supermarkets say it is a matter of safety rather than convenience, which is fair enough. After all, it can't be conducive to child safety making young children walk half-way across a busy car park.

What I don't understand is, given this understandable concern for safety, why so many of the parents who use these spaces find it necessary to drive the wrong way down a one-way system to access them.

Every Saturday I see a steady stream of inconsiderate young mothers, usually in multi-seater people carriers or off-roaders, defiantly driving contrary to the traffic flow at my local supermarket, Tesco at Burnt Tree.

Possession of a child seat and a 'baby on board' sticker does not exempt you from the rules of the road, you know.

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ACCORDING to media reports, professional celeb and one-time footballer David Beckham now hopes to split his time between Britain and Los Angeles.

"They want the California sunshine for the kids but the education system of the UK - so they're getting the best of both worlds," said one authoritative source.

The education system of the UK? I wonder which inner-city comprehensive the Beckham offspring will be attending.

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SO THE Government is looking at raising the minimum age for driving from 17 to 18, and then placing them under a night-time curfew until they are at least 19. Obviously looking for the youth vote then.

But will it really make any difference? We all know boy racers are a menace to society, but surely the safety of young drivers is less about whether they have celebrated their 18th birthday, and more about their general maturity.

The answer is probably a few more questions on the driving test, I dunno, such as 'have you ever read Loaded magazine?', 'has your car got after-market speakers fitted?' or 'have you ever spent an evening eating takeaways in a car park?' If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above, then it should be a straight fail.

Better still, why not impose new rules on the type of car that young people can drive. Volvo estate, beige Austin Maestro, probably means little threat to the peace and safety of the general public. Rusty old Citroen Saxo with blacked-out windows, boom box and exhaust like a sewer pipe? Five-year driving ban.

Call it possession of an offensive vehicle.

John Baker joined up in 1940, aged 17

John, second from the left in the front row, pictured in Italy in 1943

John, front, in West Park, last year

I was a boy among men, says veteran

After his Arnhem pilgrimage old soldier John Baker shares his horrors of war with **LOUISE JEW**

IT WAS a 'bridge too far' in the Second World War – and the Battle of Arnhem landed young parachutist John Baker in deadly danger, when he was taken prisoner of war.

Now – as he celebrates his 90th birthday – he has retold how he and 12 comrades were forced to give themselves up to the Germans as houses literally blew up around them during their trek to reinforce troops battling to take the nearby bridge.

He celebrated his 21st birthday in Stalag 12A, in transit to his eventual home for more than seven months – Stalag 11B near Hanover, where he was forced to put in long days of hard labour, fuelled by near-starvation rations.

Wreath

John, now of Sedgley, has just returned from a moving pilgrimage back to Arnhem.

He laid a wreath to mark the 69th anniversary of the famous battle.

And, as year by year fewer and fewer of the brave veterans who survived Arnhem remain, he fully intends to be there for the 'big one' – the 70th anniversary commemoration next year.

John, a great-grandfather, who has lived in Ettymore Road West since 1949, was just 17 when he lied to join the Army in 1940, saying he was 18.

He joined the Welsh Fusiliers but later a call came round for volunteers for the airborne forces.

The veteran with his medals, just back from an emotional pilgrimage to Holland

He was tempted by the prospect of an extra two shillings a day – at the time he was earning only 14 shillings a week, so it would double his wage – and a red beret that all the girls fell for.

So off he went, in 1942, to join the 1st airborne division and saw active service in the North Africa campaign, followed by Sicily and Italy.

"North Africa was a long campaign – the paras were supposed to be in and out but we were used as infantry," said John. "But Arnhem was a nasty little battle."

He wasn't wrong – in late September 1944, John and the rest of his divison in the British Ariborne forces landed outside Arnhem in Holland for Operation Market Garden.

A number of other bridges had been taken – but Arnhem proved the bridge too far, of film fame.

Soon the forces were surrounded and almost 2,000 were killed, with many more injured and taken prisoner. John said: "We landed about eight miles from the bridge and were among 10,000 – two thirds of us parachutists and a third in gliders.

"We got within a quarter of a mile before we hit the heavy stuff.

"Two Panzer divisions were refitting just outside Arnhem, which threw us.

"They'd got heavy tanks and flame throwers, against our rifles and machine guns. We'd taken evasive action but they were literally blowing houses down around us.

"Our officer decided the only way out was to surrender, somewhere near the Elizabeth Hospital in West Arnhem.

"The officer put his hands in the air and we put ours behind our heads."

Meagre

In Germany he was set to hard labour clearing up bomb damage and helping to lay railway lines, sometimes marching 10km to get to the job and eating meagre rations.

He returned to Bulford camp, near Salisbury, where he met his wife Rosalin.

The couple, who had three daughters, celebrated 65 years of marriage but Rosalin died last year, aged 89.

After the war John became a grinding machine operator at Contractor Switchgear in Wolverhampton, later working at a factory in Tipton and then becoming a member of the security staff at John Thompson's boiler makers in Ettingshall.

John, who celebrated his 90th birthday with a family party at The Lodge in Wellington Road, Dudley, on Saturday said: "I was young compared to most – a boy among men.

"And we're dwindling very much, with fewer at the pilgrimages every year – but I hope to be fit enough to go again next year," he added.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

THE death knell was sounded for West Midlands County Council, just nine years after it had been formed. It was announced that the authority, which covered Birmingham, Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Coventry, Solihull and the newly-formed borough of Sandwell, was to be disbanded in 1985, with most of its powers being devolved to the main towns and cities.

The seven district councils would continue to work in partnership for policing, public transport, and fire services though.

AN ACTION group protesting against the men convicted of murdering Wordsley paper boy Carl Bridgewater tried to disrupt racing at Warwick. But the bid failed, as the protesters sprayed graffiti and poured oil onto the wrong course.

1993.....

NELSON Mandela arrived in Birmingham to a rapturous welcome, and described the city as his 'home sweet home'. He was given a standing ovation when he spoke at a concert in his honour at Symphony Hall.

ELEVEN England fans were charged after 195 were held in a night of violence in Amsterdam ahead of a World Cup qualifier against Holland. The 11 fans faced allegations of violence.

WHY did the elephant cross the road? To open a new shop. Miss Sandra took a walk across Powke Lane in Cradley Heath to open the new Powell Office Equipment store. The elephant came from Chipperfields Circus which was across the road

2003...

THOUSANDS of homes and businesses received no mail after postal workers walked out for the second time in a month. More than 120 workers walked out of Wolverhampton's Sun Street depot after anonymous racist comments were posted on the staff notice board.

AMBULANCE drivers in the West Midlands were being issued with a staggering 3,000 speeding tickets every year after being caught by roadside cameras.

A BUSINESS leader called for a football-style loan transfer system to stop skilled workers leaving the area. Dudley divisional director of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, George Munro, said a similar scheme had been launched in the north-east

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LETTERS

Beautiful church spoilt by 7ft high weeds

I WRITE with regards to the article referring to the 7ft high weeds. The All Saints' congregation felt very aggrieved.

The church is very beautiful and so are the extensive grounds.

It really doesn't take much thought though to realise why the grounds are over grown. As in all Christian churches now most of the congregation are elderly and sparse. Those who are young and attend are raising families and have busy lives.

It is lovely that people wish to marry and have baptisms at this welcoming building. It is thanks to the gifting of the congregations that churches are still standing.

When on holiday there are signs on churches and cathedrals stating how much it costs to keep these lovely buildings open.

Cathedrals I believe are around a thousand pounds a day with repairs, utilities and taxes and so on. Already there are wonderful people at our church and other churches giving their free time to bell ring, sing in the choir, fund raising and loads of other community-minded services.

As stated on a sign in the churchyard, All Saints is a green project, environmentally friendly and of course uses no pesticides whatsoever. Hence the delight for those visiting to sit on the benches and watch the birds, squirrels and even the odd rabbit frolicking around.

However, I am sure now the situation has been put to them, those people concerned about the weeds will come forward to help with the clearing project.

I personally wish to thank everyone at my church for the work they do for the people of the parish.

Chris Soâres
West Bromwich

Cameron is falling short on promises

POLITICIANS always promise us a better tomorrow, but few ever deliver the promise, because as we all know tomorrow is the world of dreams and candy floss rainbows, and this is the world that David Cameron is promising.

We have had four years of austerity he is promising us another four, and then things 'might' get better, well this isn't good enough.

We want to see that 'we are all in this together' because what we are seeing is that the rich and powerful are not in austerity, in fact they are having a very good 'austerity' with million pound bonuses and massive pay rises.

We heard the same promises from Mrs Thatcher and while we had pay freezes a special deal was cut for MPs with their special expenses and allowances.

So no Mr Cameron, now it's time to see that our pain has been worth it.

S T VAUGHAN
Yardley Wood

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Dream of a show left me out of this world

I WOULD like to tell you how to get from Tipton to 'outer space' in just over two hours. A short while ago I was a member of the audience at the Grand Theatre for Dreamboats and Petticoats, led by the idol of years gone by, Mark Wynter, and he, like the audience were back in the 60s.

We wanted to get up and bop along to the fantastic beat and energy that was throbbing on stage. The magic was there but our old limbs couldn't react.

But as I left Mark was in the foyer with his CDs. So I couldn't resist going over to him and saying it was brilliant Mark and as he took my hand I was away to Venus.

MAY JUKES, William Kerr Road, Tipton

Lottery is not worth £2

THE national lottery tickets have gone up in price to £2 a ticket. Why is this? Are Camelot not making enough money as it is? Profits not large enough? And instead of handing out large amounts of winnings to a few winners, Camelot should look at spreading the money around. So we should all stop buying Camelot tickets and play the Health Lottery instead, at least it's British, not Canadian like the Lotto.

R OWEN, Lawley Road, Bilston

Public cost could have helped loos

I READ a few days ago how a lady in Blackheath was concerned about the cleanliness of the public conveniences in the town centre. Having used the gents in the past I can well believe her thoughts.

I also read of the concern of a gentleman in Smethwick about the former public conveniences at Victoria Park, Smethwick, those in Windmill Lane and of course the toilet block at Bearwood Bus Station.

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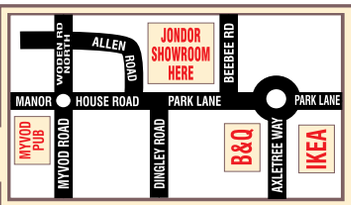

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NEWS

Baggies team-up to give mental health support

WEST Bromwich Albion has announced a borough mental health organisation as an official charity partner for this season.

The announcement of the partnership with Sandwell's The Kaleidoscope Plus Group was made on World Mental Health Day.

Representatives met with the club's chief executive Mark Jenkins to launch their partnership for 2013/2014 season and raise awareness of mental health conditions.

The charity, which is located inside Hawthorns House, provides help to patients across the Black Country by offering services such as therapy, counselling, residential support and training.

The Kaleidoscope Plus Group chief executive, Monica Shafaq, said she believes the partnership will be a great opportunity to raise awareness and promote positive wellbeing, as well as help tackle the issue of mental health in sport.

Groundbreaking

She said: "This is a groundbreaking and exciting partnership for The Kaleidoscope Plus Group.

"It will help us reach a new audience in promoting positive wellbeing and tackling the stigma still attached to mental health.

"We are proud to be associated with such a great footballing institution as West Bromwich Albion.

"Like us, the club work really hard within the community to enrich and support the lives of residents, as well as supporters.

"I strongly believe this partnership will be another huge step in helping the people of Sandwell.

"We are all really looking forward to working with them and their supporters as we strive towards a common goal of promoting positive mental health."

West Bromwich Albion chief executive, Mark Jenkins, added: "We are delighted to have made The Kaleidoscope Plus Group one of our charity partners for the 2013/14 season."

The Kaleidoscope Plus Group chief executive Monica Shafaq and Albion star midfielder Zoltan Gera mark the launch of the partnership

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Transformations

Steven Burchell
Dip CDT RCS (Eng)
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LOVE is a second chance of romance, embracing life and sharing smiles – lots of them. For retired couple Gillian and John, sharing time together, enjoying holidays, meals out and trips to the theatre, life has opened an unexpected new chapter of happiness after they both lost their partners.

Their laughter is infectious and their zest for life inspirational. The widow and widower, both young 70-somethings, met at a mutual friend's golden wedding party and the rest, as they say, is history.

But John didn't only discover a new soul mate, he also found a new patient for denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng).

Principal of the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, Steven says: "They're such refreshing company and I am thrilled they are so happy together.

"But I'm also pleased we were able to resolve a long-standing lower denture problem for Gillian as well as create a lovely warm smile for her that suits her personality."

John recalls he was first to attend the Denture Clinic after spending nearly four years "perusing stories in the papers" about Steven's work.

Like many denture wearers he had encountered stabilisation problems with his lower denture as gums receded with the normal ageing process. "I knew I had to get something done because when I was driving my lower teeth could dance up and down," says John.

Crunchy salads

Steven referred him to dental implantologist Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the denturist has along-standing professional relationship.

"I decided to go for an implant-retained over-denture which clips on to two fixings. I would never let anything stop me from enjoying a meal out before I had the implants, but things are great now. I can have steak, eat crunchy salads and feel free to have anything off the menu," he says.

Gillian had endured a similar stabilisation problem for two years and was persuaded by John to see Steven because her dentures "were always loose."

Again an implant-retained over-denture was prescribed and Mr Pugh also rebuilt Gillian's upper front teeth with crowns. The results are obvious: Natural looking, functional teeth and an engaging smile.

"Previous dental treatment could never resolve my problems. If I ate out I'd have to order soft options , but I put up with it," says Gillian.

"We laugh a lot, smile a lot and enjoy life. This is my 'me' time," she adds.

And what of their experience at the Denture Clinic? "Steven is like family to us," says John.

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NEWS

Latest chain of event for centenarian with party

ONE of a well-known Black Country cycling club's earliest members has celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Ethel Taylor was joined by her nieces Patricia Treagust and Jean Hinett to mark the special occasion – and even received a visit from Dudley Mayor, Councillor Alan Finch.

Other visitors on the day included past and present members of Oldbury and District Cycling Club.

Mrs Taylor, formerly of Hagley but who now lives at the Holly Lodge Care Home, Oldswinford, was one of the club's very first members, joining in the 1930s.

Over the years she served as both treasurer and committee member. Meetings were even held at her home.

Meetings

Mrs Taylor's husband Frank, who died in 1999, was also a member of the club and competed in the Oldbury 13-hour time trial for 19 years. The trial had around 100 members in its heyday and some riders went on to become national time trial champions.

Both Mrs Taylor and her husband were made life members of the club in the 1960s. They attended the club regularly and when no longer cycling still enjoyed walking and camping holidays. Mrs Hinett said her aunt was also a skilled dressmaker and enjoyed cooking. Mrs Taylor moved to Holly Lodge from her home in Meadow Croft, Hagley, earlier this year after breaking her hip.

Mrs Taylor was born Ethel Treagust, the youngest of five children and lived in Edgbaston Road, Birmingham, and became interested in cycling as a young woman.

She married Frank in 1945 after he returned from service with the Army.

Patricia Treagust, Jean Hinett, Heather Finch and Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch seen with Ethel Taylor celebrating her 100th birthday

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NEWS

Tree campaign aims to light streets

Tree of Light administrator John McHugh, Tipton Civic Society vice chairman Keith Hodgkins, Ken Hyde and Ray Brothwood

AN ANNUAL charity campaign to remember lost loved ones has been launched.

The Tree of Light appeal takes place every year in Tipton and now organisers are urging people to come forward and take part in this year's event.

Under the appeal, residents are able to pay a donation and sponsor a light on a tree, which will be unveiled in the town next month.

Last year's campaign raised more than £5,500 and Tipton Civic Society, which organises the event, are hoping this year's campaign will also prove a success.

It costs £5 to sponsor a light and businesses are also being urged to come forward and add their sponsorship to the event.

Congregation

Chairman of the society Ray Brothwood said: "We are asking people to sponsor a light on the tree for loved ones that have passed away.

"We had a very good year last year and we are hoping to do the same this year."

On November 29 a service will be held at St Paul's Church in Owen Street at 7pm before the congregation heads outside to sing carols and launch the appeal.

The lights will be switched on at about 7.45pm.

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MEMORY LANE

South Staffs led heroic struggle for the Somme

May 1963: The annual reunion of the 5th and 7th battalions of the South Staffordshire Regiment at Walsall Drill Hall. Three chums from the 5th, from left, Bert Sanders, John Woodcock and Frank Barker, share a few memories

Men of the 2/6th South Staffordshire Regiment in 1915 before setting off to reinforce the 1st battalion. Archie Griffiths of Wombourne is seated, first left, front row

by Carl Chinn

FOR SO many of us, our thoughts of the First World War are dominated by water-sodden and dirty trenches, heroic yet unsuccessful attacks across the mud of no man's land, and bloody losses of life in futile battles ordered by incompetent and insensitive generals.

In particular, the terrible first day of the Somme looms large in our national and collective consciousness about the horrors of the Great War.

Among those who went 'over the top' on July 1, 1916 were the men of the 1st Battalion the South Staffordshire Regiment. Territorials, they were part of the 137th Staffordshire Brigade, which included two battalions each from North and South Staffordshire. It belonged to the 46th (North Midland) Division, one of the 14 peace-time divisions of the Territorial Force.

The 5th South Staffordshire Regiment had its headquarters and four companies at Walsall, with other companies at Bloxwich, Hednesford, Handsworth and Wednesbury.

As for the 6th battalion, it was based in Wolverhampton, where it had three companies, with others in Willenhall, Sedgley, Darlaston, Bilston and Tettenhall. Like all Territorial soldiers, the men of the 46th North Midland Division were mobilised when war was declared on August 4, 1914.

Its 18,000 infantrymen, gunners, engineers, and medics then trained strenuously until early March 1915 when they were shipped to France – thus becoming the first complete Territorial Division to take the field. By now, the two Staffordshire battalions had become the 1/5th and 1/6th and on the first day of the Somme, they joined the 56th (London Division) to attack Gommecourt, an enemy salient that bulged out from the German lines into no man's land. This assault was a diversion to draw German troops

October 14, 1965: Comrades from 1/5th South Staffordshire Regiment mark the 50th anniversary of the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt. They met at Wolverhampton's Bradmore Hotel

away from Serre to the south. The two divisions attacked to the north and south of the heavily fortified village and aimed to link up behind it – thus cutting off the Germans. The plan failed. After the Great War, a committee of the officers of the 1/6th wrote up the battalion's war history.

At the time, even the commanding officer, Lieutenant J H Thursfield, was unaware of the reasons for the attack. At 6.25am an intense British bombardment began, but "the enemy replied vigorously, both with his field guns and howitzers, and revealed the true strength of his artillery."

One of these machine guns was in the north-west corner of Gommecourt Village and could not be silenced and it "must have been responsible for a large number of the casualties in the advance".

Shortly before 7.30 the attack was launched, but "the enemy's fire was intense, and from the very start casualties were heavy. The smokescreen, after settling down, drifted parallel with the front instead of towards the enemy, with the result that when halfway across no man's land the assaulting waves came within full view of the enemy. On reaching the wire, men looked in vain for the openings they had expected. It had been cut by our artillery, but no guns could remove it, and it remained in such masses as effectually to prevent a passage". However, one gap had been made and some of D Company "managed to gain a footing in the enemy's front line, but were soon outnumbered and fell". The bombers under Lieutenant Flaxman also made for the gap but the wire "prevented them from getting to grips, and they were shot down in the open". On the right flank C Company engaged the enemy "but they could make no headway and suffered heavily. For the rest, those men who passed through the barrages and escaped the machine gun fire could make no progress past the enemy's wire." As for A and B Companies, they found no gaps.

Casualties were severe. Out of the total of 239 in the battalion, most occurred within a few minutes of the beginning of the attack. As for the 1/5th South Staffords, that battalion had also suffered high casualties, with 219 men killed or wounded.

The Battle of the Somme was not the first action that 1/5th and 1/6th had been involved in. Along with the rest of the 46th North Midland Division they had taken part in the Battle of Loos, when on October 15, 1915 they had attacked the Hohenzollern Redoubt.

This was a most forbidding fortification that was linked to the German lines behind it by two well-protected trenches called Little Willie and Big Willie. The 1/5th and 1/6th South Staffordshire Regiment were enjoined to capture Big Willie and then move on to take a defensive site called Fosse 8, a mine at the base of a slagheap.

According to James P Jones in his History of the South Staffordshire Regiment (1923), as soon as the South Staffs attacked they "came under a deadly cross-fire from three sides. With a rush they captured the main trench, but owing to heavy machine gun fire swift progress was impossible."

Resolutely the South Staffs battled along Big Willie and "far into the night this soldiers' battle continued, for it had become an affair of individual gallantry and endurance. Here, for three days, they fought and endured like the heroes of old, until they were relieved by the 2nd Guards Brigade". Casualties were heavy. The 1/5 and 1/6th had lost 31 officers while 695 other ranks had been killed, wounded or were missing.

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NEWS

Bullies rapped up

Rapper Josh Smith, AKA Smiiffy, first took up music to boost his popularity and escape the bullying he suffered

AN up-and-coming rapper has been working on his debut album while raising more than £80,000 for seven different charities at the same time. Josh Smith, also known as Smiiffy, got into music around four years ago after being a victim of bullying and wanting to improve his popularity.

The 18-year-old from Old Chapel Road, Smethwick, admits that his first song was terrible, which led to even more bullying, but he now wants to thank those same bullies for making him into the growing success he is today.

He said: "The main themes for my music are love, life and fear, because they are the three things people can relate to. The bullies are now coming to me for help and advice because I can help them take the next step."

Smiiffy is working on his album Stay Strong at his home studio, but is also helping out charities at the same time. So far this year he has raised £81,050 for seven charities including Cystic Fibrosis Awareness.

Bailiffs' 24-7 mission on stray horses

BAILIFFS will be working around the clock to seize roaming horses which are plaguing residents as a controversial policy cracking down on strays is beefed up.

by Alex Ross

Sandwell Council has taken on a new company of bailiffs who will work around the clock, instead of the former firm who only picked up the beasts at night.

The authority has also revealed it could partner not only with police, but also with other Black Country councils to ensure some horses are not ignored simply because they keep crossing borders.

Councillor Ian Jones, the borough's jobs and economy boss, said the council was now considering joining forces with authorities in Wolverhampton and Walsall in an effort to streamline the bailiff service and cut costs.

The problem is one of the biggest being dealt with in the region and also affects Dudley.

He said some horse owners were continuing to flout the rules, with Princes End in Tipton among the worst-affected areas.

He said: "People are still not heeding to our warning. We want to make the horse fraternity informed that you need to make sure horses are not on council land."

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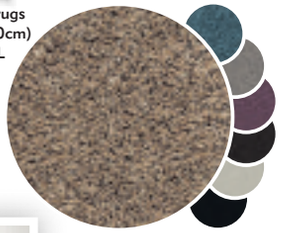

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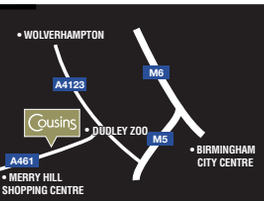

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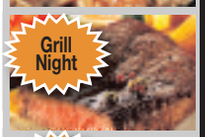

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Family fun day hope to match party for Jubilee

ORGANISERS of a family Fun Day say it will be the largest party at Oldbury Children's Centre since last year's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The free Community Fun Day, on Saturday October 26, from 11am-3pm, will feature a bouncy castle, music and face painting, a range of stalls selling crafts, books and cakes, and a raffle with prizes including free access to swimming or toning sessions at Langley Baths.

It will also offer parents the chance to learn about the many free services offered by the children's centre, which is run by a group of organisations including Family Action, to families from Oldbury, Rood End, Langley and Bristnall.

These services, which are used by more than 100 people each month, include stay and play sessions, parenting classes, job clubs, careers training and benefits advice.

Gazebos

Last year's Jubilee event drew about 70 people to the children's centre.

Organisers are confident that this month's Community Fun Day, which is also open to users of Greenacres children's centre, will attract many more.

A number of marquees and gazebos will be set up to make sure the event, which will take place outdoors as well as in the children's centre, will not be stopped by rain.

Money raised on the day will go to the national charity Family Action, which supports vulnerable families.

Rowshanara Begum, community involvement officer at Oldbury Children's Centre, said: "This is a great opportunity for families to have some fun and find out more about our services at the same time."

Elite teenage athlete Joshua is chosen for world championships

A TEENAGE athlete from Oldbury who has been honing his skills at training facilities up and down the country, has been selected to represent British Gymnastics next month.

Joshua Hunter, of Attlee Close, Tividale, in Oldbury is an elite tumbler and his ability has seen him selected to represent British Gymnastics at the World Championships in Bulgaria.

The 16-year-old Dudley College sport student has been developing his skills by travelling to Revolution Gymnastics Club, Harborne, as well as a gym in Coventry and even as far as Basingstoke where he can use a full-size track to practice his routines.

A proper tumbling track is spring-loaded, trampoline-style, to aid athletes' jumping, and at Basingstoke there is even a more bouncy version for competitors to learn new skills under the watchful eye of one of the national coaches.

Joshua, who previously attended Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy, said when he heard that he was selected he was 'jumping around, screaming in excitement'.

He said: "It is really exciting. My mum, Claudette, is really proud."

His coach Robert Owen, aged 24, who is based at Maypole, added: "I was over the moon for him.

"The national selection is written name by name and

by Alex Homer

I had to read them one by one as I went down the list and phoned him as soon as I saw his name."

In order to make his age group, Joshua has to be able to perform a routine with a 'transition' which can be a move as athletic as double somersault in one run, moving into a second double somersault.

Mr Owen said the training required worked on fast twitch muscles – common in athletes who perform rapid movements such as Usain Bolt - but a lot of Joshua's skill was down to 'natural talent'.

In order to make the trip to Bulgaria on November 10, Mr Owen said Joshua would need to raise £1,900 to fund travel, accommodation and his GB kit.

To make a donation visit **www.revolutiongymclub.co.uk** and click the tab for fundraising and visit Joshua's personal website. Alternatively, call 0121 249 2210.

Npower worker, author Susan Harris who has written her first novel called I Promise You

Author shows much promise with her debut

THE MANAGER of a call centre in Oldbury has put pen to paper to write and publish her first novel.

By day Susan Harris is a manager of a call centre for energy supplier Npower but on the evenings and weekends she sits down to write.

The 47-year-old from Halesowen has spent 14 months writing her 212-page novel and a further eight months getting it self-published for free with lottery funded company Feed a Read.

She said the book entitled, I Promise You, revolves around four lovers and is full of mixed emotions and twists.

Publishing

"It's not your normal fantasy romance, it has a lot of plot twists and is based more upon the real world," said the avid writer. "Writing and publishing the book has been quite hard but considering I have never written a book before in my life I'm really pleased."

She said that as a life time lover of books, she enjoys her new role as a writer, as it's completely different to her day job.

To celebrate the completion and publication of her first book she will be holding a launch party at Stirlings Bar in Ludgate Hill, Birmingham on November 15 from 7.30pm

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Violence led to wrist injury of peacekeeper

A MAN broke the wrist of a woman peacekeeper as violence flared outside a pub at closing time after he had been drinking and taking drugs, a court heard.

Lena Dell was hurled to the pavement by Brett Dance when she tried to stop him attacking another man in the street, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The fall fractured her left wrist while her friend, Paige Palmer, was also pushed out of the way by the 30-year-old whose life had gone off the rails after the break-up of a relationship, the court was told. The trouble started when Dance realised that his keys were missing as customers waited for taxis outside the Shoulder of Mutton pub in Birmingham Road, Blackheath, in the early hours of February 2.

Mr Patrick Sullivan, prosecuting, said: "He accused a man in the group of taking the keys and punched him. There then followed a prolonged period of public disorder during which both Miss Dell and Miss Palmer tried to stop the fight."

The Shoulder of Mutton pub, near to where violence broke out in February

Mr Richard Hull, defending, said: "This was abhorrent behaviour towards the two women. It was the culmination of a period of self destructiveness and self pity by this man after the ending of a long- standing relationship."

Dance, of Eagle Close, Rowley Regis, admitted assault and causing grievous bodily harm and was given a 12-month jail sentence suspended for two years with 150 hours unpaid work and a four- month night-time curfew.

Prosperous neighbourhood hope

A £26 MILLION homes development will create a 'prosperous family neighbourhood', chiefs said, after work began on the scheme.

Sandwell Council is working with support from the Government's Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and has teamed up with housing developers Barratt Homes to build 227 properties on the Windmill Eye development in Smethwick.

The new housing scheme is part of the £86 million Windmill Eye Regeneration Scheme, which was developed after a public consultation, as well as representatives from organisations such as the NHS Trust and British Waterways.

The scheme will see construction of new houses, bungalows and apartments on vacant sites along with the refurbishment of existing properties. There will also be improvements to the area's open spaces and play areas, as well as further improvements to shops and services, which the council hopes will create new employment.

Ground works at the site off Messenger Road, the Crofts and Unett Street started earlier this year.

Councillor Darren Cooper, leader of Sandwell Council and who represents Soho and Victoria ward, said: "It is great to see this scheme under way.

"We have a clear vision that Windmill Eye will be a prosperous family neighbourhood with safe places to play and work. These new homes play a key part of making that vision a reality."

Around 40 per cent of the homes have been set aside for affordable housing. Messenger Road and a section of Baldwin Street will be shut until December 3 while developer Barratt Homes carries out work on the site.

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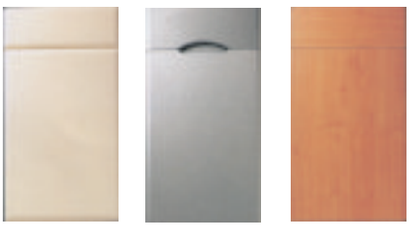

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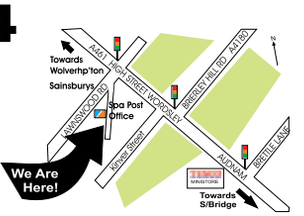

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NEWS

Historic railway bridge demolished

A railway bridge being demolished in Darlaston, during a major operation as part of a road improvement project

IT HAS stood for more than a century. But now this historic bridge has been demolished in a 32-hour operation as part of a project to improve the surrounding road network and free up land for development.

Specialist equipment was used to take down the 100-year-old railway bridge in Darlaston. Rail services were stopped to allow the work to be carried out from 9pm on Saturday until 5am on Monday.

The work, at Bentley Road South, was part of an ongoing plan to create better road links to unlock land for redevelopment and create jobs and investment opportunities.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, deputy leader of Walsall Council, said: "Better roads around the Black Country Enterprise Zone which includes Darlaston will mean we can unlock 40 hectares of land, create over 3,000 jobs in the next few years and significantly improve the operating environment for existing local businesses – all of which are major aims of Walsall Council.

"When it was built all those years ago, the world was a different place, and the road didn't carry the weight or amount of traffic it does today. The bridge is narrow and weak, and this has been a problem for some time."

Contractors MPB carried out the work using a 45-ton, 35-ton and two 25-ton machines to break up the bridge. More than 4,000 cubic tons of rubble was removed as part of the operation. The road improvement work is part of a series of measures in and around the Darlaston section of the Black Country Enterprise Zone. Bentley Road South was closed in April for up to 18 months as part of the preparation works for the new bridge.

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NEWS

Elderly targeted by con to hand over bank cards

CONMEN who are pretending to be police officers in order to trick people into handing over their bank cards and details to a fake 'courier' are targeting elderly people.

Three people are known to have been approached since the start of October prompting police to issue a warning to older people across Birmingham.

In all three crimes one of the tricksters has called claiming to be a Pc Miller based at Holborn police station in London and have even quoted a fictional police officer ID number of 3553 to convince victims they are genuine.

They have then told their victims that they have two men in custody and that they have found a cloned bank card containing their personal details. The man has then told them to contact their bank immediately in order to ensure that no money has been withdrawn from their account.

Refused

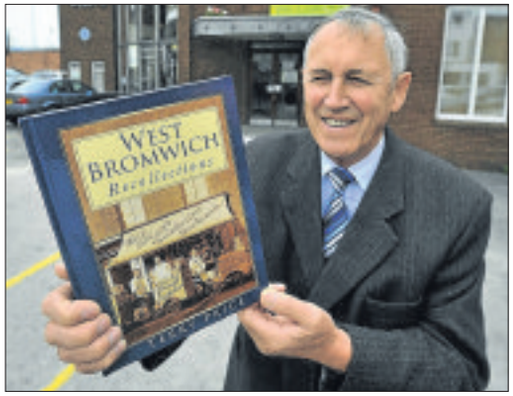
But the thieves jam the telephone, meaning that when the victims have called their bank, they have actually spoken to the same fraudster who called them in the first place. It means the target of the scam has unwittingly disclosed their bank details to the fraudster.

At this point, the offender has claimed to need the original bank card as evidence and has offered to send a 'courier' to the victim's address to collect it. Once this has been done, the cards have been used along with the PIN numbers to withdraw cash.

Despite three people being contacted in the West Midlands, two fraud-savvy pensioners refused to fall for the con and would not give their details.

Anyone who has been a victim of such cons should call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit **www.actionfraud.police.uk**

Terry launches next book



Terry Price with his book before it was officially launched on Saturday

A NEW book looking back at the history of West Bromwich has been launched by a prolific Black Country writer.

Author Terry Price has written seven books about West Bromwich and Great Bridge based upon years of tireless research carried out in libraries and at the homes of those who remember the towns before they changed.

His latest book, called West Bromwich Recollections, is a collection of more than 400 pictures collected from archives and submitted by local people who have read his previous books that have been spread across a 192-page hardback book.

Mr Price, aged 74, said: "Ever since I was at school I've had a passion for history, and when I retired I found myself in a position to pursue my interest.

"Eventually I was asked by a publisher to write a book and have continued writing ever since."

The author met with Black Country historian Carl Chinn at the Wesley Methodist Church in High Street, West Bromwich on Saturday to launch his book and talk about the town.

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Scarecrow contest

From back, Rhiannon Nicoll with brothers Declan and Devin and sister Rosin, with Pheonix Keenan, Grace Humphries, Errin Knott and Eleanor Wilkes

PIRATES, cowboys, vets and teachers – these were some of the figures children picked out as their faces for scarecrows for a school competition.

Youngsters were invited to enter the scarecrow competition at Springfield Primary School, Rowley Regis.

In total, the event drew in 88 entries. Headteacher Susan Powis said she was pleased to see the creativity of pupils at the Dudley Road school, as well as the efforts of family members who helped.

The resourcefulness of everyone who took part was clear in the range of materials used, she said. Miss Powis added: "It was truly amazing to see such creations. Some were made by individuals, some became a family effort. We had a range of materials used and a range of scarecrows too – from pirates to cowboys and vets and teachers."

Every child who entered was given chocolate, while the top three entries received £20 of vouchers for Toys R Us.

Volunteers are needed for annual poppy drive

THE amount collected from a Poppy Appeal could be hit if more volunteers cannot be found for this year's fundraising drive.

The Tipton Royal British Legion has launched an urgent appeal for volunteer fundraisers to help with their Poppy Appeal collections. The Legion branch fears fundraising will be hit and poppies will be unavailable in areas of the town unless it can find help.

by Adam Grinsell

Isobel Beebee, the Poppy Appeal organiser for the town, said: "Our pool of volunteers is dwindling each year and we need the help of the local community to join our successful Poppy Appeal team. Without the help of additional volunteers to assist this year, the Poppy Appeal will be affected. Poppies would only be available at a very small number of venues and only at key times of the day."

She added: "It is crucial to have volunteers in as many local areas as possible to ensure the public can get their poppies in time for Remembrance Sunday."

Collections are due to take place at the Asda stores in Princes End and Great Bridge for the two weeks between October 26 and November 9. The collections will take place between 9am and 9pm every day but as volunteers only collect during the times that they are available, if there are not enough volunteers there will be some times that cannot be covered. Tipton Royal British Legion is urging community members to do whatever they can to help.

Branch secretary Mark Keeling said: "Any time volunteers can give this November to help with the appeal will be gratefully appreciated. Poppy Appeal roles can vary from someone who can donate an hour of their time to collect in a store right through to helping assist with delivering poppies to businesses and schools in the area."

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NEWS FEATURE

The language of learning for school with high-flying pupils

Pupils Siraj Hussain, aged nine, and Ahmed Mazzar, 10

Teacher Sam Rock with, Ayaz Ahmed, aged nine, Amara Basharat, seven, Sainma Begum, nine, and Issa Rafique, eight

A PRIMARY school is flying high despite 95 per cent of its pupils speaking English as a second language, it can be revealed today.

Only six children on the roll at Sacred Heart Primary School, Tipton, have English as their mother tongue, out of 128.

by Alex Homer

None of the last Year 6 pupils to sit Key Stage 2 SATS, spoke English as a first language, but the Victoria Road school still saw 100 per cent of the group through to achieve at least level 4 in maths while 88 per cent of pupils achieved level 4 in English.

All of the pupils at school have also made two levels worth of progress from Key Stage 1 to 2, including those with special education needs.

Teachers put the success down to a unique set of circumstances in the school.

Rules

It was originally established as a Roman Catholic voluntary-aided school with year group sizes set at 16 pupils each.

It became a council-run school in 2005 but the authority decided to retain the previous rules on numbers – it means that pupils from two year groups sit in lessons together so there are normal class sizes.

Headteacher Melanie Gee said: "All their testing, including phonics from aged five, is in English so they have to be able to function in English." Teaching by themes also helps the children learn vocabulary more quickly – recent topics have included the Second World War and Vikings.

Earlier this year, they had a visit from the Time Zone team, which helps re-enact historic moments, to introduce pupils to the theme of Vikings.

Good exam results have come at the same time as the school improved its attendance from 94.3 per cent last year to 97.1 per cent – above the Government benchmark.

Mrs Gee said meetings with parents, as well as contracts signed by parents whose children had been absent, had led to improvements.

● An article in the Sandwell Chronicle stated the school spent more than £150,000 on supply staff.

In fact the school only spent £7,545.80 on supply teachers in the financial year 2012/13, out of a total budget of around £650,000.

We apologise for the error.

Headteacher Melanie Gee watches a game of hopscotch with, from left, Rhiya Tahir, aged six, Raeed Ali-Akbar also six, Teresa Zysk and Abu Mehmood, both five

Teacher Lorna Hardie with, from left, Nadia Marium 10, Chloe Saunders, nine, and Muhibur Rashid 10, who have been learning all about the Second World War

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NEWS

Bully backs boxers in fight night

Knockout night – Tipton-born Steve Bull, Mayor Alan Finch and organiser Paul Gough promote the boxing show

YOUNG boxers will get their first taste of the big time as they go glove-to-glove in the ring at a fundraising night.

Members of Priory Park Boxing Club are preparing for their bouts on the bill at The Venue, in Dudley High Street.

The event on November 1 will held raise funds for the club, neighbouring Priory Park, which is undergoing a transformation to treble the size of their base.

Organisers say they also want to give the young fighters a taste of a live televised showdown. Wolves legend Steve Bull is guest of honour on the night to help present awards to the winning fighters alongside the Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch.

Ten bouts will be fought on the night at the dining venue with guests able to enjoy three-course meal and champagne.

Fighters have been working hard in the gym, off Priory Road, trained by head coach Paul Gough. "We want this night to have a real feel of a live television night and bring that bit of glamour back to make it memorable for the boxers taking part," Mr Gough said. "It will be different to other shows that we have put on in the past and will be even bigger.

"Bully has supported the club over the years so it is great that he has agreed to come down."

Tickets are priced at £20, £40 and VIP prices at £60 including a three-course meal, waitress service and champagne.

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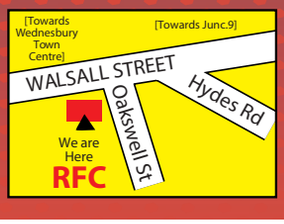

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REVIEWS

Bruno's a knockout – and packed crowd is in heaven

Bruno Mars, Birmingham NIA

A RAINY night in Birmingham, gridlocked roads and all car parks full. It was not the most promising start to a weekend but within five minutes of Bruno Mars hitting the stage at the NIA all the hassle was forgotten.

This guy is good. The Hawaiian cat in the white Fedora hat exudes soulful exuberance, combined with his all-action backing band and their synchronised dance moves.

With just two albums Mars has established himself at the top of the music game. The 5ft 5in dinky dynamo busts some James Brown moves, shows his prowess on guitar and drums, but sings with real conviction.

Best received was When I Was Your Man, from which he wringed every drop of emotion. His encore for the capacity crowd was Locked Out Of Heaven and Gorilla in a literally explosive finale. **Leon Burakowski**

Enchanting songstress with a gorgeous voice

Cara Dillon, Town Hall, Birmingham

IF Cara Dillon were a siren then the wariest of old seadogs would be lured by her enchanting voice. Appropriately she opened with a sea shanty-style song about true love.

Northern Irish songstress Dillon's gorgeous tones then lent themselves to Rise Up My Darling, a traditional song she sang in Irish. The band admitted they were 'winging it' somewhat as they had a little time to get everyone together and rehearse and many songs were from forthcoming album A Thousand Hearts.

Dillon really got to show off her gorgeous voice with ballads Donald and Garden Valley, for which she was accompanied by Sam Lakeman on grand piano.

For the encore she treated her fans to another traditional Irish tune Johnny, Lovely Johnny ending with a lovely haunting version of the Parting Glass. **Danny Farragher**

Superb, passionate cast's Shaw-fire hit

12 Angry Men, Birmingham Rep

WHEN you re-enact a film as iconic and acclaimed as 12 Angry Men you had better get it right, fortunately the terrifically passionate cast led by Martin Shaw did and superbly so.

Shaw, who takes the part of the quietly spoken architect, Juror No8, played by Henry Fonda in the 1957 film adaptation, is supported by a cast which includes Hollywood Walk of Famer Robert Vaughn and British film star Nick Moran.

The drama focuses on the tensions of a jury deciding the fate of a juvenile delinquent accused of murdering his father and facing the electric chair in 1950s America. When the vote is taken one man, Juror No8, stands alone and dares to express his doubts, much to the chagrin of the others who see it as a cut and dried case.

Shaw's character tries to express his doubts amid the clamour of bigotry and angst which surfaces from the variety of characters, none more so than Miles Richardson as Juror No.10 who is fantastic as the furious and sickeningly bigoted blue collar "Joe" who takes every opportunity to spit his venom and bile to all around him.

Also, Juror No.11, played by Lee J Cobb in the film, and this time played with heart-rending passion by Martin Turner as the bitter and twisted self-appointed executioner who wants to vent all the rage from the disappointment of his own son on to the accused.

Cast members Martin Shaw, Robert Vaughn, Owen O'Neill, Miles Richardson, Luke Shaw, David Calvitto, Martin Turner, Jeff Fahey, Paul Antony-Barber, Nick Moran, Robert Blythe and Edward Franklin in 12 Angry Men

The tension builds as one by one Shaw voices his "reasonable doubts" and gradually makes the other jurors face their own faults and demons. There are incredibly poignant moments which for such a serious subject matter oddly elicited a great many laughs from the audience.

A slight hiccough was the dramatic moment with the flick knife – a crucial point – which Shaw fluffed slightly and lost its impact somewhat. But overall an incredible performance from the entire cast. It runs until October 19. **Danny Farragher**

star extra TRAVEL

NEARLY 25 years on, Miss Saigon has shown its enduring popularity by setting a new box office record ahead of its return to London next year.
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NEWS

Wraps come off Park sculpture

Irene Semark, from the friends of the park group, with councillors Chris and Paul Bott and the park sculpture

A NEW sculpture depicting aspects of a town's history and industrial heritage has been unveiled at a park in the town.

The artwork at Kings Hill Park in Darlaston has been created by Julie Edwards and Ron Thompson from Midlands art group Planet Art as part of the park's revamp.

Featuring a globe on top of a column, the sculpture has been made from granite and cast iron.

Chairman of the Friends of Darlaston South Parks group, Councillor Paul Bott, said: "The panels on the plinth depict the history of Kings Hill Park. There's a picture of St Andrew's Church which is going to be demolished and it contains history about Darlaston's industrial heritage and the Zeppelin raids in the First World War.

Attract

"The ball on top is decorated with birds and leaves. Different plants will also be planted at the island.

"I'm really pleased with it. It sets the park off when you walk in. I'm hoping this will attract more people into the park."

The work is part of the £200,000 revamp of the park, off Darlaston Road.

Other work under the park transformation includes new footpaths and part of the park was transformed into a wildflower meadow.

Hundreds of seeds were planted on the land, around the size of two football pitches.

The rundown park pavilion was also given a £72,000 facelift to encourage more people to play sport.

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CLUB NEWS

A mystery tour of the Midlands

BLACKHEATH MORNING TWG

THE meeting on September 25 was opened by Chairman Doreen Armstrong who welcomed all members and visitors together with speaker for the day Ian Bott.

Monthly reports were given by Treasurer Beryl Hartley, Outings Co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmere and Press Officer Iris Harris.

On September 11, a group of members visited Harvington Hall and a local garden centre for lunch. The ladies had an excellent day but the weather was not kind.

At the end of business, Doreen introduced Mr Bott whose talk was a Midlands Mystery Tour. This consisted of 100 slides showing a group of Black Country folk enjoying a charabanc tour in the 1960s.

The destinations included Lichfield, The Cotswolds and Severn Valley with stops at such places like Shugborough Hall, The National Tramway Museum and Anne Hathaway's Cottage.

The charabanc's return to the Black Country was highlighted by Ian showing a glorious sunset over Wolverhampton painted by war-time artist, Bradbury.

Beryl Hartley gave the vote of thanks and members gave a round of applause. The next meeting is on October 23 at 10.30am at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath.

This will be a birthday meeting and speaker will be Mr Alan Peace whose subject will be "Never work with children or animals".

Group highlights right for education

Scarecrow co-ordinators Pat Hogan and Renee White and her Soroptimister Bill

WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS

OVER the weekend of September 27-29, members of SI Wolverhampton took part in the Scarecrow Festival in Pattingham.

The theme was to educate the girl, educate the family; to raise awareness that Soroptimists worldwide support the right of all children to receive an education.

The members of SI Wolverhampton are currently involved in supporting FOOTPRINTS Orphanage in Africa, where all children have the opportunity to learn, by supplying educational materials. Coupled with this project the club decided that 'Water Aid ' collections should go towards the survey being undertaken, to find a source of sustainable clean water for the orphanage and the local village, in this very barren area. This all helps to enable the children to be educated in a safe and healthier environment.

Nailed on for history talk

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AT the first meeting of the season on September 18, Mark Clifford, project officer from Avoncroft Museums, spoke about the development of a nailer's cottage, 1860-2013.

Nail making was an important cottage industry in the Birmingham area from the early 17th century. Families were poorly paid by the suppliers for the amount of work done and often in tokens to be used in shops and pubs run by the owners.

Workers from time to time went on strike for better wages. As mechanisation took over so the cottage industries declined and most of the buildings were demolished. A couple of listed buildings remained on Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, and were due for demolition but kept in tact.

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NEWS FEATURE

Carousel at the Grand was big break for Sian

by Alison Norton

WHEN Sian Reeves joined South Staffs Musical Theatre Company back in 1983 for their production of Carousel, little did she know it would lead to a highly successful theatrical and TV career spanning three decades.

Best known for her roles as Sydney in the hairdressing drama, Cutting It, as the evil Sally Spode in Emmerdale and currently starring as the crazy, nosey neighbour, Bianca in Sky TV's comedy, Mount Pleasant, Sian has certainly made a name for herself on the small screen. However, it all started in Wolverhampton at the city's Grand Theatre.

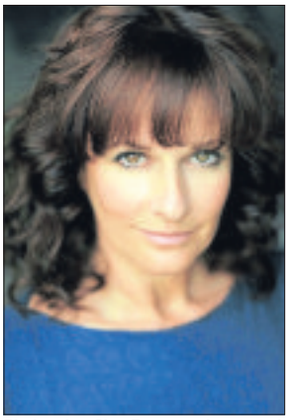
Born in West Bromwich and raised in Brewood, Sian, a former pupil at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge, joined The Lytton School of Dance aged just two, not wanting to be left out when her sister Dawn began to tread the boards.

Tears

"My earliest memory of theatre is being late for my cue in a dance called My Old Man said Follow the Van, where I was dressed as a Cockney lady with a bird cage," she said. "I was in floods of tears and my mum carried me off."

Years of tutus and tap shoes followed until Sian won the role of Louise, the daughter of the leading couple in Carousel. "I had this amazing dance routine which was seven minutes long, including a pas de deux with a kiss," she said.

"I remember leaping and running across the stage and then the acting part of the role which is very emotional. I loved every minute of it and couldn't wait to get on stage for every performance," she said.



Big break – Sian Reeves, who started out in am dram in Wolverhampton

Comedy roles – Sian Reeves as Bianca in Mount Pleasant

Success – the current Carousel production at the Grand Theatre

Thirty years on, South Staffs Musical Theatre Company have again just performed Carousel at The Grand. The five-nightrun, from October 8-12 featured 14-year-old Lizzy Bowers, a contemporary dancer from Walsall as Louise.

It is interesting to see how the dance styles have evolved over the years. Sian's version was much more balletic whereas Lizzy's interpretation has a modern, edgy approach.

So how does professional theatre differ from am dram? In Sian's eyes, the desire and passion to perform are exactly the same and the talent is on a par. "In fact there is much more joy in am dram as you work so hard all year long for just one week in a theatre," she added. "Everyone is doing a day job too and so it becomes a mixture of pleasure, fatigue and silliness which is just wonderful." TV work is very different to theatre but which does Sian prefer?

"I honestly don't mind as long as I am working," she said. "I enjoy both. I am probably best known as a northern comedy girl, but I really want to play a detective.

"That said, I love playing Bianca in Mount Pleasant with her lovely make-up and hair extensions. She's great.

"Lots of 30 somethings recognise me from Cutting It which they watched as teenagers and as Bianca now and it is really sweet when people ask for photos or autographs," said Sian. Sian is currently appearing in It's A Family Affair at Sherman Cymru, with a fourth series of Mount Pleasant also in the offing.

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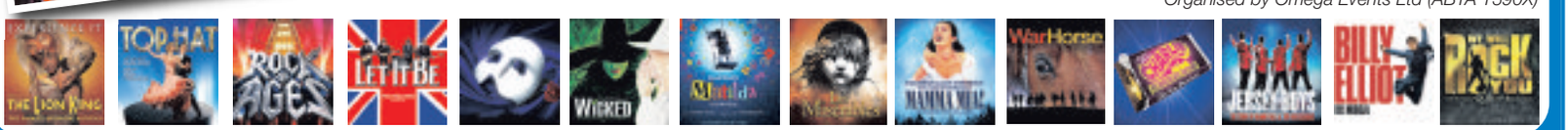

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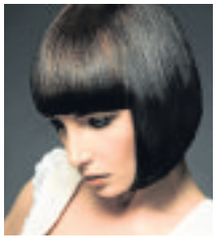

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REVIEW

Kim Lowings and The Greenwood Newhampton Folk Club, Wolverhampton

ONE of the first things you notice about Black Country lass Kim Lowings is that behind the crystal clear tone and glass smoothness of her voice there is a lot more power waiting to be unleashed.

She uses her range effortlessly and never struggles on any of the notes as she goes through her set with The Greenwood, which is a musical collective based in Stourbridge.

The concert at the Newhampton Inn, Riches Street, Wolverhampton was really a set of two halves because, through no fault of their own, the band had to resolve the problem of a missing sound engineer.

Uplifting

And while Tim Rogers, the percussionist with The Greenwood, did his best, what happened was that for the first part the instruments were a little overpowering and the dulcimer, which was centre stage with Kim, came over too strong.

Fortunately Kim has the kind of voice that could take on a jet engine and still hold her own but there is a lightness about both Kim's singing and the band's playing which is uplifting, even the more 'serious' songs still didn't have that 'heavy' feel to them such as Off to Sea which was essentially a war song.

The first offerings were folk, in the second part, the band moved towards the more traditional.

DANNY FARRAGHER

Suede stay together for Bloodsports

Suede return with their first album in 11 years, Bloodsports, and a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on October 31

BRITPOP hipsters Suede bounced back in 2013 with their sixth album Bloodsports, their first since A New Morning 11 years before.

It has marked a return to form that ensures the comeback is more than mere 1990s nostalgia.

Brett Anderson and co will be back in action on a tour this month that includes a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Thursday, October 31.

It's part of a stellar line up at the city centre venue over the next couple of weeks which features former Sex Pistol John Lydon's Public Image Ltd (supported by The Selecter) on Sunday; highly-rated new band London Grammar on Wednesday; Fill My Little World outfit The Feeling on October 26 in the venue's smaller 2 room, as 1990s favourites Travis play the main hall; and exciting young Nottingham singer-songwriter Jake Bugg hitting the venue like a Lightning Bolt on October 28 and 29, before completing his Birmingham Academy hat-trick on November 10.

MATTHEW Kelly stars opposite Royal Shakespeare Company actor Ansu Kabia in a new stage adaptation of ER Braithwaite's To Sir With Love at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, October 22 to 26.

TV presenter turned respected actor Matthew Kelly plays the enlightened headmaster of a tough school in London's East End in 1948 who takes on a former RAF fighter pilot as a teacher. But some question his judgement because the former Cambridge graduate, played by Ansu Kabia, also happens to be black.

Experiences

This touring production of Braithwaite's play has been adapted by East Is East writer Ayub Khan Din. It is the first in a new programme of work co-produced by Touring Consortium Theatre Company with the highly-rated Royal & Derngate Northampton.

Guyana-born Edward Ricardo Braithwaite had based To Sir With Love on his own experiences. It was made into a major film in 1967 starring Sidney Poitier and featuring the hit title song made famous by Lulu.

This new stage adaptation is peppered with the songs and dances of the late 40s, a time of hope and austerity.

If I Were A Rich Man musical Fiddler On The Roof, revived by Craig Revel Horwood and starring Paul Michael Glaser, is at the Grand until Saturday.

Ansu Kabia and Matthew Kelly in To Sir With Love

Theatrical blockbuster War Horse continues at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Maureen Lipman stars in poignant drama Daytona at Birmingham Rep from Monday to Saturday.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company pack all 37 Shakespeare plays into 97 minutes at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre on Saturday night.

REVIEW

Fiddler on the Roof, Wolverhampton Grand

CRAIG Revel Horwood's revival of 1960s Broadway fixture Fiddler On The Roof has plenty of heart to go with the memorable melodies and a star turn by Paul Michael Glaser as a Jewish milkman in Tsarist Russia with three daughters to marry off.

The Strictly Come Dancing judge is a most entertaining director and invests this tale of a Jewish community about to become evicted from their village with the right amounts of sentiment, poignancy and humour. Being a choreographer too, there are some impressive dance routines and the inevitable Revel Horwood flamboyance comes out in a delirious ghost scene with a floating operatic phantom.

Paul Michael Glaser, who in the minds of many will forever be 70s TV cop icon Starsky, owns the stage as Tevye, the good humoured and kind hearted father who is torn between tradition and love for his strong-willed dau-ghters whose unsuitable suitors include a poor tail-or, a revolutionary firebrand and a gentile Russian.

The role sees the American actor come full circle, near the start of his career he played the young rebel in the movie version of Fiddler, 42 years on he is the bearded old man.

This production, which got a standing ovation, continues at the Grand until Saturday. It returns to the West Midlands for a run at Birmingham Hippodrome from March 11 to 15.

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 19.10.13

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CHOICE

Trevor Eve (right)

Waking the Dead
Drama, 9pm
This modern classic stars Trevor Eve as Detective Superintendent Peter Boyd. He is a troubled and volatile – but brilliant – police officer who's an expert at closing cold cases. Boyd heads up a crack squad of police investigators who reopen unsolved murder cases, using new technology to re-examine evidence that hopefully will lead to the killer. In the first episode, Boyd is approached by Marina Coleman a woman convinced her father's death in a car crash was neither an accident nor suicide, but something far more sinister.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Including an interview with Christine Ohuruogu. **1.45** MotoGP. **2.45** Bargain Hunt. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present another ballroom battle, as the couples aim to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm.
8.20 Atlantis. The trio stumble across an abandoned baby in the mountains, and when they take it back to the city they find themselves embroiled in a web of deadly secrets and lies.
9.05 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.
9.15 Casualty. Rita lets her personal feelings cloud her judgement while spending a day with the paramedics, and Big Mac forms a connection with a destitute patient (Keith Barron).
10.05 BBC News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Newcastle United v Liverpool and Manchester United v Southampton; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show.
1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Animal Park. (R) **7.00 Film:** Carnival Story. (1954) **8.35 Film:** The Lady Vanishes. (1938) **10.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.40** The Life of Birds. (R) **11.30** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45 Film:** Follow the Fleet. (1936) **2.35 Film:** Shall We Dance? (1937) **4.20** Urban Jungle. **4.50** The House That £100K Built. (R) **5.50** Flog It!
6.50 Count Arthur Strong. (R)
7.20 Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World. Marine mammal reproduction expert Holley Muraco heads to the wilds of northern Alaska to learn more about walruses' behaviour and aid her attempts to breed the species in captivity. (R)
8.20 Sir David Frost: That Was the Life That Was. Stephen Fry tells the life story of David Frost, who died in August, featuring contributions by the TV host's three sons and friends including Ronnie Corbett and Michael Caine.
9.20 Frost on Satire. David Frost examines the power of political TV satire in the UK and America, featuring contributions from Rory Bremner, Ian Hislop, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell and Chevy Chase. (R)
10.20 The Sarah Millican Slightly Longer Television Programme. Extended edition. With Dr Christian Jessen, John Bradley, Finn Jones and Kristian Nairn.
11.00 Film: Frost/Nixon. (2008) Fact-based drama, starring Frank Langella and Michael Sheen.
12.55 Film: Leaving. (2009) **2.15** This Is BBC Two. **5.30** Live MotoGP.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.15** Doc Martin. (R) **2.15** Catchphrase. (R) **3.00 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace. (1999) **5.35** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed!
6.30 Fool Britannia. A psychic's abilities desert him in a Manchester theatre.
7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. With Alastair Stewart, Natasha Hamilton, Kim Woodburn and Keith Chegwin.
8.00 The X Factor. The aspiring pop stars perform modern love songs in the second live studio round, battling to win praise from the judges and support from viewers at home. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.
10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Harry Redknapp, Gordon Ramsay, Frank Lampard, Julie Walters and Dizzee Rascal.
11.10 ITV News; Weather.
11.25 Take Me Out. A pilot, an abseiler, an entrepreneur and a surfer take part. (R)
12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 FIA GT Series. **7.05** VW Racing Cup. **7.30** River Rat Race Stockton. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Heston's Chocolate Factory Feast. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.05 Come Dine with Me. Self-confessed control freak Mandy Gale hosts the final party on the Isle of Wight, certain her strong flavours and elaborate recipes will be enough to win the £1,000 cash prize. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. The team tries to track down a mysterious woman who has single-handedly committed numerous high-stakes robberies, but her true identity spells trouble for Coulson. (R)
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a London couple's project to transform an inefficient and uninspiring 1950s house into a sleek, modernist masterpiece. (R)
9.00 Film: Die Hard. (1988) A New York cop battles armed men who have taken over a Los Angeles skyscraper where his wife is working on Christmas Eve. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis.
11.40 Film: The Way Back. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Ed Harris.
2.00 Hollyoaks. (R) **4.15** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.10** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.35** Slugterra. **11.00** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.30** Animal Maternity. (R) **12.30 Film:** Columbo: Death Lends a Hand. (1971) **2.00 Film:** Operation Crossbow. (1965) **4.15 Film:** Operation: Daybreak. (1975)
6.30 Lost Heroes of World War One. The Battle of the Somme. (R)
7.00 WW1's Tunnels of Death: The Big Dig. Part two of two. A camera is sent more than 60ft down a German mineshaft. (R)
8.00 War Hero in My Family. Ann Widdecombe uncovers the story of her uncle and Quentin Willson finds out about his father, both of whom made valuable contributions during the course of the Second World War. Part of the Britain at War season. (R)
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Film: Pale Rider. (1985) A mysterious preacher with lethal gunfighting skills helps a mining community battle a ruthless landowner. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Michael Moriarty.
11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. An underground drag-racing group is linked to the deaths of two teenagers. (R)
12.15 SuperCasino. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. Michaela has her hands full with two chimps. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.15** Doctor Who **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** MOBO Awards 2013 – Live **11.05** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Africa **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special
ITV2
4.00 Peter Andre: My Life **5.00** You've Been Framed! **5.30 Film:** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) **7.20 Film:** Hulk (2003) **10.05** The Xtra Factor **11.05** Celebrity Juice: X Factor Special **11.55** The Magaluf Weekender
ITV3
2.45 Agatha Christie's Marple **4.45** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Wire in the Blood
ITV4
3.25 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **6.00** Storage Wars **7.00** I Want That Car **8.00** Hornblower **10.10 Film:** Casino (1995) Crime drama, with Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. Including FYI Daily.
Drama
3.10 Lovejoy **4.10** The Lost World **5.40** Birds of a Feather **7.40** Jonathan Creek. The unconventional sleuth investigates an alleged metamorphosis. **9.00** Waking the Dead. Feature-length episode of the crime thriller, with Trevor Eve. **11.25** Murphy's Law. Murphy investigates racism in the police. James Nesbitt stars.
Film4
3.15 Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) **6.05** The Karate Kid (2010) **8.50** Captain Phillips Interview **9.00** Road to Perdition (2002) Depression-era gangster drama, starring Tom Hanks and Paul Newman. **11.15** Law Abiding Citizen (2009)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 20.10.13

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CHOICE

Juliet Aubrey (left)

Catherine Cookson's The Moth
Drama, 9pm
Based on the Catherine Cookson novels, Jack Davenport stars in a feature-length drama, set in north-east England at the turn of the 20th century. Robert Bradly, a young man of independent mind and spirit, leaves the shipyards to work in his uncle's furniture business but soon finds himself at odds with the old man. So he becomes a servant for the destructive Thormans. Whilst working at the house he falls for the lady of the house, Sarah (Juliet Aubrey). But in 1913 this romance can only lead to upset and disaster.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live 2013. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Ronnie's Animal Crackers. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Lifeline. **4.10** Songs of Praise. **4.45** The Great British Year. (R) **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Countryfile. John Craven learns about the Norber Erratics – giant boulders in the Yorkshire Dales – and Ellie Harrison visits industrial sites-turned-nature reserves in Kent.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges.

8.00 The Paradise. New series. Moray has been banished for jilting Katherine, but he is called back when the shop begins to struggle. However, he and Denise's happiness is short-lived.

9.00 By Any Means. A crook kills an innocent bystander during a drug deal, only for MI5 to offer him freedom if he gives up his terrorist connections – so the team tries to bring him down.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.15 MOBO Awards 2013 – Highlights. The best bits from the ceremony, held at the SSE Hydro in Glasgow.

12.45 Weatherview. **12.50** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 Film: The Velvet Touch. (1948) **8.40** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **2.25** MotoGP. **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** The Flying Scotsman: A Rail Romance. (R)

6.00 Great British Railway Journeys. (R)

6.30 The Ginge, the Geordie and the Geek.

7.00 The Great British Bake Off. The four semi-finalists face three French challenges, having to prepare three types of savoury canapes, Charlotte Royale desserts and opera cakes. (R)

8.00 Dive WWII: Our Secret History. Jules Hudson presents the first of two documentaries following a diving team as they search for shipwrecks from the Battle of the Atlantic.

9.00 The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors. Rageh Omaar examines why the empire finally collapsed. Last in the series.

10.00 The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil stumble upon an assassination plot. (R)

10.30 QI XL. Extended edition. With Jo Brand, Graham Linehan and Jimmy Carr.

11.15 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Sara Cox hosts, with Iggy Azalea, Eliza Doolittle, Jake Humphrey and Matt Richardson. (R)

11.45 Film: Glory Road. (2006) Fact-based sporting drama, starring Josh Lucas.

1.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Big Time Rush. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25 Film:** Columbo: Swan Song. (1974) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Inside the National Trust. **1.35** The X Factor. (R) **3.40** Fool Britannia. (R) **4.10** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.10** Downton Abbey. (R)

6.10 You've Been Framed! Footballing fun. (R)

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. A 10-year-old boy receives an invitation from Samuel L Jackson, Selena Gomez meets two of her biggest fans and Mark Wright delivers a thank-you to a long-time foster parent.

8.00 The X Factor Results. The two least popular acts sing for survival.

9.00 Downton Abbey. An exciting opportunity for Alfred creates tension between Ivy and Daisy, Isobel appeals to Violet's sense of charity and Branson considers a new future for himself and baby Sybbie.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Women Behind Bars with Trevor McDonald. (R)

11.20 The Cube. A fitness instructor takes up the challenge. (R)

12.15 The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Ironman 2013. **6.35** The American Football Show. (R) **7.30** Cardiff Half Marathon. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55 Film:** Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging. (2008) **4.55 Film:** Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser.

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.05 World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford explores strange weather associated with fire, meeting people who have been struck by lightning and examining the "firenado". (R)

8.00 Bigfoot Files. New series. Leading geneticist Bryan Sykes and presenter Mark Evans embark on a global quest to solve the riddle of mysterious creatures such as Yeti and Sasquatch.

9.00 Homeland. Brody finds himself in an increasingly desperate situation and returns to his faith for guidance, while a mysterious man offers to help Carrie in Washington, DC.

10.05 Was It Something I Said? Panel show, with guests Jason Manford and Romesh Ranganathan.

10.40 Toast of London. New series. Comedy following the life of an eccentric actor, starring Matt Berry.

11.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **12.10** Paddy's TV Guide. (R) **12.55** American Football Live. Indianapolis Colts v Denver Broncos (Kick-off 1.30am). **4.45** Ironman 2013. (R) **5.15** SuperScrimpers. **5.30** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Mio Mao. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Great Birmingham Run. **12.15** Jungle Babies: Tarsier Tails. (R) **12.45 Film:** Are We There Yet? (2005) **2.35 Film:** Big Daddy. (1999) **4.20 Film:** Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. (2009)

6.10 Royal Babies.

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. (2003) Comic-book fantasy adventure, with Sean Connery.

9.00 Film: The Rock. (1996) An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage. Edited for language.

11.40 Film: Highlander. (1986) Fantasy adventure, starring Christopher Lambert.

1.55 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Atlantis **7.45** Top Gear Vietnam Special **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Sweat the Small Stuff **11.15** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Turner's Thames **8.00** Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams **9.00** The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Faberge **10.00** Medieval Lives: Birth, Marriage, Death **11.00** Turner's Thames

ITV2
1.20 Coronation Street **4.25** You've Been Framed! **4.55 Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **6.45 Film:** Twister (1996) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Freshers **11.50** Tricked

ITV3
1.50 Jane Eyre **4.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.10 Film:** Man About the House (1974) **7.00** Lewis **9.00** An Audience with Victoria Wood **10.10 Film:** Gregory's Girl (1981)

ITV4
7.10 Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Serenity (2005) Sci-fi adventure, starring Nathan Fillion and Summer Glau. Daily. **11.20 Film:** Sneakers (1992) Comedy thriller, starring Robert Redford.

Drama
3.00 Catherine Cookson's The Moth **6.00** Bergerac **7.00** Last of the Summer Wine **7.40** Lark Rise to Candleford **9.00** Catherine Cookson's The Moth

Film4
2.45 The Cat Returns (2002) **4.25** King Kong (1976) **7.00** X-Men (2000) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** Terminator Salvation (2009) **11.15** The Omen (2006)

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Chaos, Channel 5, 11pm
A veteran cop and his inexperienced new partner are assigned to investigate a bank heist. At first sight, no money appears to have been stolen. However, it eventually emerges the criminal mastermind behind the robbery had a more complex and profitable scheme in mind – and a possible connection to the detective on his trail. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham. (2005)

TUESDAY
A Simple Plan, BBC1, 11.20pm
Two brothers and a friend stumble on a fortune in unmarked small dollar bills in the wreckage of a plane and decide to squirrel it away for themselves. However, the strain of keeping the cache secret takes its toll as guilt, paranoia and greed change their relationship for ever. Sam Raimi's psychological thriller, starring Bill Paxton, Billy Bob Thornton and Bridget Fonda. (1998)

WEDNESDAY
Is Anybody There?, BBC1, 11.35pm
A lonely 10-year-old boy lives in a building his parents have converted into an old people's retirement home. He initially resents having to share his life with the elderly residents, but when a retired magician comes to stay he strikes up an unlikely friendship and finds his life transformed. Drama, starring Michael Caine. (2008)

Basic Instinct, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY
Wake of the Red Witch, Channel 4, 1.05pm
A ship owner and his embittered captain engage in a battle of wills as they fight for the love of the same woman and embark on a quest for a treasure chest of pearls hidden in the den of an octopus in the South Seas. Romantic seafaring adventure, starring John Wayne, Luther Adler, Gig Young and Gail Russell. (1949)

FRIDAY
Basic Instinct, ITV, 10.35pm
A hard-drinking San Francisco cop investigates the case of a man murdered with an ice-pick, but his normally well-honed intuition starts letting him down as he falls for the sultry and manipulative chief suspect, the victim's former girlfriend. Thriller from director Paul Verhoeven, starring Sharon Stone, Michael Douglas, George Dzundza and Jeanne Tripplehorn. (1992)

Halloween H20, BBC1, 11.50pm
Homicidal madman Michael Myers returns to stalk his original target, now an alcoholic teacher, 20 years after his first killing spree, and ends up terrorising a group of teenagers in a deserted school. Horror sequel, starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Janet Leigh, Josh Hartnett and Michelle Williams. (1998)

Pick of the Week

Cooking up more tasty treats for the judges

Let's hope that whoever came up with the format for The Great British Bake Off has got a cut of the profits from selling the show to other countries – because if they have, they'll be worth a packet.

It's been sold to around a dozen countries outside the UK, including France, Australia and Poland, with Finland and Holland the latest to jump on the bandwagon.

"We've seen broadcasters around the world put their own special twist on the format to great success, for example with the speciality cakes that are associated with different countries," says Elin Thomas at BBC Worldwide. "Baking is a tradition everyone can relate to so I have no doubt this brilliant format will only continue to win more fans around the world."

What's more, Dutch viewers will also get to see the UK version: "I'm very proud that we will broadcast this series in The Netherlands," explains Jan Slagter, CEO of the channel MAX. "We have a rich baking tradition; from Fries Suikerbrood (Fries sugar bread) to Brabandse worstenbroodjes (Brabandse sausage rolls). We want to inspire our viewers, so that the whole country will start baking."

But for now, the only version we're interested in is the original, British one, because it's the week of the final.

Last year's final featured three men – Brendan Lynch, James Morton and John Whaite.

In a shock result, it was John who won. He'd been a bit of a steady Eddie throughout the run, always doing okay without pulling up any trees, and simply made fewer mistakes than his fellow competitors in the last programme, which gave judges Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood no option but to crown him the winner.

This year it will be very different – not least because the last remaining bloke, English teacher Glenn Cosby, bowed out of the competition in week seven.

Since then, it's been the women fighting it out, but in the nicest possible way, of course. They all clearly want to win, but obviously feel a tad guilty when they see one of their friends knocked out of the competition.

Last week, Welsh wonder Beca, stylish Frances, ever-smiling Kimberley and doe-eyed Ruby set out to impress by baking the perfect savoury canapés, charlotte royals and opera cake.

As usual there were tears, smiles and yelps of frustration. Expect something similar here, but with 100 times the stress added, in this week's grand finale.

As ever, Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins attempt to mop their furrowed brows.

Janice Hadlow, controller of BBC2, can't wait for the programme either – or, no doubt, to see the ratings figures once they come in: "I'm absolutely thrilled by the phenomenal success of Great British Bake Off – all the ingredients of record ratings, a worthy winner, the expertise of Mary and Paul, wonderful presenters Mel and Sue and a brilliant series put together by Love productions plus of course all those irresistible cakes have come together to make a very special programme for BBC2."

The Great British Bake Off – The Final, Tuesday, BBC2, 8pm

Best of the Rest

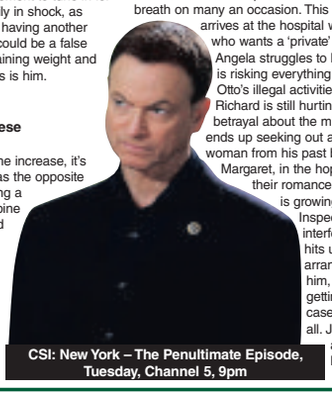
MONDAY
Health Freaks
Channel 4, 8.30pm
Many doctors are baffled by patients who are turning to the web for alternatives to conventional treatments, and are getting to hear of more and more extraordinary 'miracle' home remedies. But do any of these cures work? That's what Dr Pixie McKenna, Dr Ellie Cannon and Dr Ayan Panja are keen to find out. In this new series, the docs are on the lookout for simple, safe and scientifically convincing health solutions. If any of the applicants can convince the GPs that there might be something in their remedy, it will be put forward for a trial or test. First in to see the doctors are builders Simon and Andy, who believe WD-40 could be a quick fix for arthritis.

TUESDAY
CSI: New York – The Penultimate Episode
Channel 5, 9pm
So, that's almost it then. After nine years, the second spin-off from Jerry Bruckheimer's slick series is almost at an end. This week, the Big Apple-centric saga bows out with a double bill marking the final appearance of Detectives Mac Taylor and Danny Messer. There's no shortage of variety in the penultimate episode: three separate murders on Valentine's Day. The CSIs are called to investigate when a diabetic man dies from eating 2lbs of chocolate, a company boss is killed at an outdoor farmers' market while on the way to meet his soon-to-be ex-wife, and the demise of a man in a hotel room also leaves the experts with their hands full. Look out for a guest appearance from Josh Groban as himself.

WEDNESDAY
Father Figure
BBC1, 10.35pm
It seems stand-up and panel show appearances aren't enough for today's comedians, and more and more of them are getting their own sitcoms. Jason Byrne's offering, Father Figure, has not been universally well received, but we reckon that's got more to do with the odd timeslot than anything else – despite its late hour, it's actually a nice, innocent slice of fun. Those who have stuck with it so far, though, will need little encouragement to tune in for this final edition. It finds the family in shock, as Elaine announces she could be having another baby, and Tom is aghast. But it could be a false alarm – after all, the only one gaining weight and developing strange food cravings is him.

THURSDAY
No Sex Please, We're Japanese
BBC2, 9pm
With the world's population on the increase, it's surprising to learn that Japan has the opposite problem: various factors, including a rapidly declining birth rate, combine to mean that its population could shrink by as much as a third in just 40 years. But just why are the Japanese having fewer babies? In the first of three documentaries exploring global population trends for the This World strand, Anita Rani heads to the country to explore the otaku culture, which describes an obsession with computer games, manga and anime. With a growing number of young people, particularly males, spending more and more time immersed in these self-confessed 'geeky' pastimes, some are withdrawing from the dating game entirely. But is it a substitute for the real thing?

Breathless
ITV, 9pm
This 1960s-set hospital drama is certainly aptly named – it's left us open-mouthed and short of breath on many an occasion. This week, as Jean arrives at the hospital with a patient who wants a 'private' procedure, Angela struggles to believe her sister is risking everything to assist with Otto's illegal activities. Meanwhile, Richard is still hurting from his wife's betrayal about the miscarriage, and ends up seeking out a glamorous woman from his past by the name of Margaret, in the hope of rekindling their romance. And Elizabeth is growing tired of Chief Inspector Mulligan's interference, so she hits upon the idea of arranging to meet him, with the hope of getting him off her case once and for all. Jack Davenport and Natasha Little star.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FRIDAY
Marvel's Agents of SHIELD
Channel 4, 8pm
It was a question on many Marvel fans' lips: once showrunner Joss Whedon handed the writing and directing reins on Agents of SHIELD over to other folks, could they sustain the level of hip, witty brilliance that made the pilot so engaging? Well, there have been times when Agents of SHIELD has been a tad disappointing, but it's still one of the best imports of recent years. This week, Phil Coulson and his cohorts are Asia-bound, where they hope to save a young man with an unusual and dangerous power. Could an elusive girl in a floral dress hold the key to the mystery? Clark Gregg is as good as ever, while fine support comes from Ming-Na Wen, Chloe Bennet and Brett Dalton.

TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks
Channel 5, 9pm
Channel 5 is rather fond of countdown shows, and the broadcaster is giving us another chance to see one that focuses on magic tricks. The problem with magic is that these days, there are so many hi-tech advances being made, a lot of people can either work out how they've been done, or are more impressed by something they can whip up on their laptop at home. Nevertheless, there are a handful of tricks that do stand the test of time, and those are the ones that concern us here. Contributions come from Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee, Penn and Teller, Dick and Dom, Stephen Mulhern, Joe Pasquale and new magic wunderkind Dynamo.

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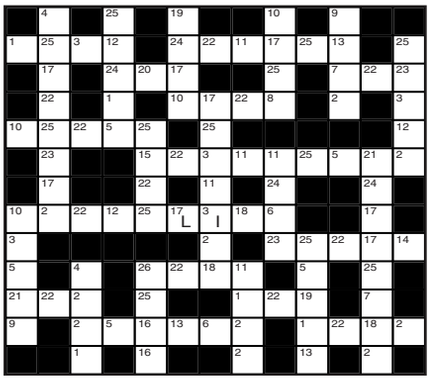

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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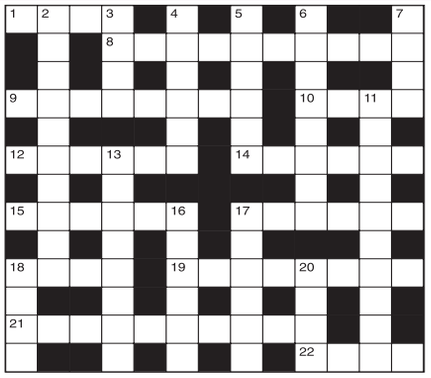
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Store between 180 and 270 degrees (4)
8. Knocked down and defeated (10)
9. What the bride says afterwards won't be in church! (8)
10. Quietly act on an agreement (4)
12. Possibly go over a rut (6)
14. Side-tracks to avoid the back street (6)
15. Cause a disturbance a little way behind the breakwater (6)
17. Contract concerning Mussolini (6)
18. Farm product from the vale (4)
19. Tactful fellow (8)
21. There are terms for this (10)
22. Rush in three directions at once! (4)

Down

2. Offer nothing but solicitous affection? (6,4)
3. It's used to make garments, but not the cotton variety (4)
4. Bench to determine an issue (6)
5. Goes hunting, we hear, for birds (6)
6. Offer for money (8)
7. It makes fast speed at sea (4)
11. Child's play for those who like pulling strings (4,6)
13. Forget how to take charge (8)
16. An early walk (6)
17. Mend a broken rapier (6)
18. Pole enters by way of a special permit (4)
20. Finished and left (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Jot (4)
8. Silence by surprise (6,4)
9. Agreeable (8)
10. Performs (4)
12. Rub out (6)
14. Took notice (6)
15. Protects (6)
17. A planet (6)
18. Serpents (4)
19. Wins back (8)
21. Honest (5,5)
22. Transmit (4)

Down

2. Crawling (2,3,5)
3. A continent (4)
4. Lubricate (6)
5. Drawing (6)
6. Nearby (8)
7. Recedes (4)
11. Moscow citadel (3,7)
13. Rough (8)
16. Writer (6)
17. Gregarious (6)
18. Sad to say (4)
20. Joins (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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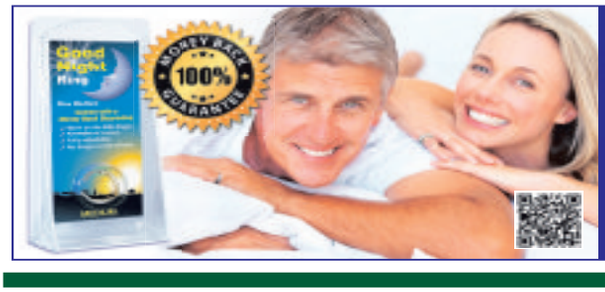
LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Toast; 8 Opulent; 9 Aliment; 10 Blind; 12 Spirit lamp; 15 Tie-on label; 18 Notch; 19 Icicles; 21 Arsenic; 22 Tempo. Down: 1 Straighten; 2 Habit; 3 Stye; 4 Porter; 5 Sunbathe; 6 Decimal;11 Depression; 13 Penchant; 14 Dentist; 16 Apiece; 17 Flame; 20 Into. QUICK - Across: 7 Moist; 8 Compute; 9 Abysmal; 10 Heart; 12 Oppression; 15 Amateurish; 18 Evoke; 19 Retract; 21 Council; 22 Rouse. Down: 1 Immaculate; 2 Sibyl; 3 Stern; 4 Ocular; 5 Emphasis; 6 Lunatic; 11 Tongue-tied; 13 Pretence; 14 Baroque; 16 Rarely; 17 Vague; 20 Tire.



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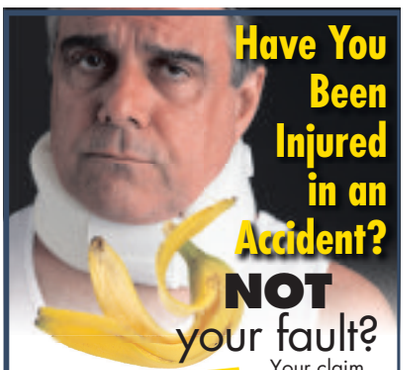

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In more detail the entrance hall has a laminate floor while the lounge has a laminate floor, patio doors to the garden and a decorative stone fireplace.

The dining room has laminate flooring, sliding doors to the rear garden and stairs to the first floor. Two of the five bedrooms upstairs have fitted wardrobes.

Outside the front garden includes a paved drive, while the rear garden has a slabbed patio and chipped areas etc.

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Property

The luxury executive home in Harborne Road, Bearwood, on offer at £464,950

Five-bedroom detached home features landscaped gardens

AN OUTSTANDING five-bedroom detached property, priced £464,950, situated in Harborne Road, Bearwood, in this sought after neighbourhood overlooking delightful views of Warley Woods with excellent transport links into Birmingham city.

Briefly comprising electric gates into a large driveway, garage to the side, spacious hallway, lounge with lovely fireplace, dining room, conservatory, large traditional kitchen and downstairs WC.

To the first floor four good sized bedrooms, family bathroom and master bedroom with walk in wardrobe and en suite.

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The bathroom with its corner bath

Part of the extensive landscaped gardens

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Addington Way
Tividale £199,950

LOVE YOUR POSTCODE is pleased to offer this stunning new 4 bedroom property located in the ever popular area of Tividale on the Archers Field development. This property is located close to Birmingham new road with good links to City centre. Newly decorated through out with a large family kitchen, Garden, Living room and Garage. This would make

Heath Lane
West Bromwich £159,950

Love Your Postcode is pleased to offer this well presented detached extended property located in West Bromwich. The property is approached via a driveway which can fit up to four cars. Spacious hallway, with the stairway to the first floor, on the left the large reception room with a beautiful bay window. Second reception with patio doors leading to the extended kitchen. Large

Farm Road
Oldbury £149,950

SOLD STC. Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer for sale this immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached house in the desired area of Oldbury. The ground floor of this family home benefits from a large hallway through to the spacious reception room and dining room with beautifully tiled flooring throughout. Modern compact kitchen with utility area

William Kerr Road
Tipton £139,950

Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer this three bedroom detached house with garage, comprising kitchen, large lounge, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom with shower, separate WC, also benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing. Tenure: Leasehold EPC rating C.

19 Summerhill Terrace
Birmingham City £111,000

Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer this two bedroom apartment in a desired location of Birmingham City Centre. Comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from communal gardens, central heating, double glazing and lifts. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC rating C.

Claremont Rd
Sedgley £99,950

ALL OFFERS IN WRITTING INVITED BY WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 12.00PM. IN NEED OF COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT. This three bedroom traditional semi detached property briefly comprises porch, leading to hallway, with under stairs pantry , two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room and downstairs WC . First floor three bedrooms, boarded loft with electric light,

Ashes Road
Oldbury £106,950

A beautifully improved mid terraced home situated in the sought after area of Oldbury. On the borders of Rowley Regis. The property is ideally located for ease of access to the M5 motorway network, local shops, schools and public transport. Comprising of welcoming hallway, modern spacious lounge with large windows through a light and airy kitchen great for

Aston Street
Tipton £119,995

A characterful terraced family home located in Tipton. Benefiting from a gated driveway, a large conservatory to the rear. The property comprises of hallway, through to lounge with bay window, dining room with access to kitchen and conservatory. A country feel kitchen with intregated extractor hood. To the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms,

Hillcrest Avenue
Great Barr £230,000

A Well presented Four bedroom Detached property situated in the popular area of Great Barr, off Newton Road. Briefly comprises of lounge, kitchen/diner, Conservatory to rear. To the first floor there are four bedrooms one with En Suite and family bathroom. Benefiting from double glazed windows and central heating (both where specified) and off road parking. EPC

Thorncroft Way
Walsall £239,950

A well presented Detached home located in the Yew Tree/Walsall area. Situated in a new build estate with excellent transport links and local shops and schools. The property comprises of excellent off road parking for a number of cars. Garage to the rear of the property. The ground floor comprises of a spacious lounge, dining room with access to the rear garden with

Brunswick Road
Handsworth £194,950

NEW BUILD HOME FOR SALE. This FIVE bedroom property built by Keepmoat development. Beautiful NEW five bedroom family home, spacious throughout. Comprising of TWO reception rooms, guest cloakroom, MODERN kitchen. To the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom. To the second floor there are two bedrooms both with en-

Harborne Road
Bearwood £464,950

An exceptionally outstanding five bedroom detached property in this sought after neighbourhood overlooking delightful views of Warley Woods with excellent transport links into Birmingham City. Briefly comprising electric gates into a large driveway, garage to the side, spacious hallway, lounge with lovely fireplace, dining room, conservatory, large traditional kitchen

Westmead Drive
Oldbury £359,950

OUTSTANDING SIX bedroom luxury detached home located on a quiet cul-de-sac, in one of Oldbury's most desirable locations. This property occupies a prominent LARGE CORNER PROPERTY with attractive front and side lawns. With six bedrooms, one en-suite and a family bathroom at first floor level as well as two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen,

Landswood Road
Oldbury £149,500

PRICE REDUCTION! Situated in an established residential neighbourhood this excellently presented traditional semi detached residence requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The well planned accomodation has been improved by the addition of gas central heating and double glazing briefly comprises storm porch, entrance hall, spacious lounge

Macdonald Close
Tividale £189,950

This Modern three bedroom detached property with planning permission to add a Granny Annexe (please see outline plans on photos). This property has an outstanding landscaped rear garden to be proud of. Briefly comprises driveway to fitted a number of cars, entrance hallway, lounge, a clean white crisp kitchen, dining room, shower room, double garage and

Grafton Road
Handsworth £109,500

Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer this deceptively large three bedroom, located in the popular neigtbourhood of Handsworth. Briefly comprising hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom to first floor. Also benefiting from driveway and central heating where specified. EPC rating C.

Norman Road
Smethwick £124,950

Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer this three bedroom semi detached property with extended kitchen. Briefly comprises driveway, storm porch, hallway, two reception room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Also benefits from rear garden and double glazing where specified. Property located within easy reach of Warley Woods and

St Augustus Close
West Bromwich £280,000

An EXCEPTIONAL detached family home located in a quiet cul de sac in Sandwell Valley in West Bromwich. Benefiting from beautiful undisturbed views of Sandwell Valley Park. The property consists of two reception rooms, dining area, striking kitchen, converted garage into an extra lounge and downstairs shower room, to the rear of the property there is a large

Bearwood Road
Smethwick £274,950

A modern four bedroom detached property, briefly comprising lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, utility area, ground floor shower room, four bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom, double glazed and centrally where specified, front driveway, garage. EPC rating C.

Chatsworth Avenue
Great Barr £219,950

Love Your Postcode are pleased to offer this spacious four bedroom family home in the sought after area of Great Barr. The property benefits from blocked paved driveway offering parking for two cars, front lawned garden and front access to the garage, entrance hallway through to large lounge with patio doors looking out to the large rear garden with lawn and

Woodnorton Road
Oldbury £119,950

A well improved mid terraced family home in Rowley Regis, high quality fixtures and fittings throughout. Comprising of a bright hallway, modern lounge with feature fire place, dining room, modern downstairs WC, spacious modern kitchen with integrated hob and oven. To the first floor there are three well presented bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, a newly fitted modern

Talbot Street
Hockley £114,950

OPEN DAY viewings taking place on Monday 14th Oct at 5.00 pm to register please contact our office on 0121 544 9595 A well presented Semi Detached, Three bedroom, Modern property, located extremely close to the Birmingham City Centre with excellent links for transport, schools and local amenities. Comprising hallway, lounge/diner, modern fitted

Rosefield Road
Smethwick £99,950

A two bedroom mid terraced property, located in a popular neighbourhood of Smethwick. Briefly comprising hallway, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens. EPC rating D.

Moat Road
Oldbury £97,950

This well presented two bedroom mid terraced property set back in cul-de-sac. Situated on the popular road of Oldbury, Moat Road. Briefly comprising kitchen, lounge, rear garden, two bedrooms, bathroom and off road parking, also benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing. EPC rating C. 1300 - clients & fans talking openly about us Facebook.

Phoenix Street
West Bromwich £94,950

A three bedroom mid terrace property. Situated in the West Bromwich area, close the the High Street and motorway links. Great for investment. Spacious layout and modern feel. Comprising driveway, lounge with fireplace, leading onto fitted kitchen, downstairs WC. First floor comprises three bedrooms and family bathroom, also benefiting from gas central heating and

Great Bridge Road
Bilston £89,950

Excellent project for investor or first time buyer. A spacious three bedroom semi-detached property in need of some modernisation. A large driveway to fit up to five cars. Briefly comprising of spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. Large gardens to rear and front of property. Situated on the main road of Great Bridge Road, with easy access to

Wolverhampton Street
Dudley £67,500

A newly refurbished one bedroom flat. Situated in Dudley Town Centre. Two minutes from the Dudley Bus Station and College. Benefiting from a spacious lounge. Newly fitted Kitchen with built in cooker. A large bedroom with carpets and large windows. A large modern bathroom with shower. Ground rent £150 per year and service charge £600. Parking space is

Montfort Road
Walsall £1,750

A wonderfully bright and expansive four bedroom detached home boasts impressive living and entertaining space, characterised by fine features and expansive dimensions. This stunning home comprises of three reception rooms, each having striking original coal fires and coving with exquisite detail. The kitchen is a designer Avante Garde kitchen offering

Coppice Street
Tipton £600

OPEN DAY 12TH OCTOBER FROM 11AM. This modern THREE Bedroom semi-detached house is situated in the popular area of Tipton, with excellent transport links and easy access to schools. The property benefits from a fitted kitchen, spacious reception room leading to the light conservatory, three good sized bedrooms and a modern bathroom with shower.

Hobart Point
Churchfields Developement £595

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Romsley Road
Oldbury £550

AUTUMN OFFER!! A well presented three bedroom house in the popular area of OLDBURY. Comprising porch, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, two double and one single bedroom with fitted wardrobes.

Creed Way
West bromwich £550

Open day 16th Oct from 2pm. Register your interest now. A lovely fully furnished apartment in the town centre of West Bromwich close to shops and great transport links, modern luxurious furniture and a light and airy feel. Lounge diner, fully fitted modern kitchen to include washing machine,fridge freezer. two double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes

Pear tree Court
Off Newton Road £525

An immaculately presented 2 bedroom top floor flat in the desired area of Great Barr. Situated just off Newton Road with excellent transport links to the city centre and Sandwell. Great for a working couple consisting of a spacious lounge with large windows bringing in plenty of light, traditional fitted kitchen, bathroom and two double bedrooms. The property also

Kingfisher Way
Tipton £500

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Property

Barratt West Midlands is leading the way to help homebuyers with part exchange on offer for new builds

Swap old for new to make that move

AWARD-winning house-builder Barratt West Midlands has seen a rise in homebuyers opting to use its part exchange scheme in order to buy a brand new home in the Black Country and has released its top five benefits of the scheme.

Michelle Barnsley, part exchange manager for Barratt West Midlands, commented: "Part exchange is one of our most popular schemes and can really make a home move happen quickly and easily.

"It's simple – if you dream of moving up to a bigger, better home then get in touch. If your property qualifies we'll make you a fair offer and buy it from you, leaving you free to move into one of our brand new homes."

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Michelle concludes: "We have a great range of developments in the Black Country with an equally great variety of homes available.

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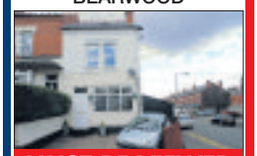

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OLDBURY

WAS £112,500 NOW £110,950

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Freehold double glazed 3 bedroomed town house needing some improvement **£80-90,000**

Lot 3: 17 WESTFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6AW
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced requiring improvement..... **£70-80,000**

Lot 4: 79 HILLTOP ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9DU
Freehold 3 bedroomed double glazed semi-detached needing improvement **£75-80,000**

Lot 5: 55 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BQ
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced needing renovation..... **£100-110,000**

Lot 6: 25 WESTON ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BB
Freehold centrally heated 2 bedroomed terraced needing some improvement..... **£ circa 90,000**

Lot 7: Land adj. 57 KNOTTSALL LANE, OLDBURY B68 9LG
Freehold building plot suitable for 3 bedroomed detached..... **£40-50,000**

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Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed villa..... **£95-105,000**

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Lot 10: 6 DUNSFORD ROAD, BEARWOOD B66 4EH
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Freehold 2 bedroomed double glazed terraced in need of upgrading..... **£90-100,000**

Lot 16: 165 PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5HU
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32 BRANDHALL COURT, OLDBURY

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Viewing: Bearwood Office

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●Double glazed
●Well planned accommodation
●Integral garage
●Off-street parking
●INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE

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ASHWOOD CLOSE, OLDBURY

●Second floor flat
●PVC double glazed
●Electric storage heating
●Double bedroom
●Spacious lounge
●Allocated parking
●Ideal for first time buyers

Offers based on £69,950

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200 NORMAN ROAD, SMETHWICK

●Gas centrally heated, double glazed and cavity wall insulation
●3 bedrooms & refitted bathroom with shower
●Hall, lounge and refitted dining/kitchen, plus good storage facilities
●Brick built side garage
●Laundry/utility room and W.C.
●Gardens and off-street parking

Offers based on £124,950

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19 PERRY COURT, OLDBURY

●First floor flat off main Hagley Road West
●Electric storage heating and double glazed
●Two bedrooms
●Spacious lounge
●Allocated parking and communal gardens
●Designated for over 60s (55+ with a disability)
●Warden controlled accommodation
●ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £62,500

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156 PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

●Freehold mid-terraced property
●Close to Warley Woods & easy access to city centre
●Centrally heated and double glazed
●Three bedrooms
●Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen and bathroom
●ENERGY RATING : E

Offers based on £129,950

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70 NEW HENRY STREET, OLDBURY

- Modern freehold town house
- Gas centrally heated, PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom
- Hall, downstairs cloakroom, through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen and neatly laid out gardens to the rear
- Off-street parking for two cars to the front
- With internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £117,950

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52 RICHMOND ROAD, BEARWOOD

●Superbly presented mid-terraced property
●PVC double glazed
●Gas centrally heated
●Two double bedrooms
●Spacious bathroom with individual shower
●Through lounge/dining room
●Refitted kitchen/breakfast room (extended)
●Neatly laid out garden to the rear
●INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
●ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £124,950

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MANSION CRESCENT, SMETHWICK

●Three bedrooms
●Fully tiled bathroom
●Hall and spacious lounge
●Refitted kitchen/breakfast room
●Conservatory
●Off-street parking
●ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £124,950

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39 WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

●Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
●Two double bedrooms
●Spacious bathroom with individual shower compartment
●Two reception rooms and kitchen
●Downstairs cloakroom
●Close to Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods
●INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
●ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON 134,950

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30 CROWN CLOSE, ROWLEY REGIS

●Gas centrally heated and double glazed
●Three bedrooms
●Bathroom and separate W.C.
●Spacious lounge
●Refitted kitchen/breakfast room
●Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
●Ideal FTBs
●Close to junction 2 of M5 motorway
●INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY

OFFERS BASED ON £106,950

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27 POPLAR ROAD, BEARWOOD

• Recently refurbished to a high standard
• 3 good size bedrooms
• Well appointed bathroom
• Sitting room, good size lounge
• Fully fitted kitchen
• Secluded garden
• Newly fitted carpets & light fittings
• ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £139950

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67 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD

●Recently refurbished freehold mid-terraced property
●Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
●Two double bedrooms
●Fully tiled refitted bathroom
●Hall, lounge, dining room and refitted kitchen
●Ideally suited for first time buyers
●INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE

OFFERS BASED ON £134,950

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17 WOODLAND STREET, SMETHWICK

●Centrally heated and double glazed
●Three bedrooms
●Two reception rooms
●Neatly laid out garden
●ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £89,950

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89 ABBEY ROAD, BEARWOOD

• Gas centrally heated
• 3 bedrooms
• Two reception rooms
• Downstairs W.C.
• First floor bathroom
• Downstairs shower room
• ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £145,950

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8 SILVERTON ROAD, SMETHWICK

●Centrally heated and double glazed
●Two bedrooms and bathroom
●Two reception rooms and kitchen
●Close Smethwick High Street

OFFERS BASED ON £89,950

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126 KATHERINE ROAD, BEARWOOD

●Gas centrally heated
●Part PVC double glazed
●Three bedrooms and bathroom
●Hall, through lounge/dining room and kitchen
●Delightful gardens to the rear

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66 Lots to inlude:

Lot No.	Address	Tenure	Guide Price
1	38 WHEATSHEAF ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B16 0RY	Freehold Vacant Residential	£110,000-£118,000
2	40 GRESWOLDE ROAD, SPARKHILL, BIRMINGHAM, B11 4DL	Freehold Vacant Residential	£85,000-£89,000
3	52 LYTTELTON ROAD, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, B33 8BJ	Freehold Vacant Residential	£115,000-£120,000
5	5 HEATHFIELD ROAD, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B14 7BT	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£90,000-£99,000
5	UNIT 51, DARLASTON CENTRAL TRADING ESTATE, WEDNESBURY, WEST MIDS. WS10 8XB	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£25,000-£30,000
6	111 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY, WEST MIDLANDS, B68 0NB	Freehold Vacant Residential	£100,000-£105,000
7	2 WINDSOR ROAD, STIRCHLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B30 3DD	Freehold Vacant Residential	£70,000-£78,000
8	17 STOCKTON COURT, MASON STREET, BILSTON, WEST MIDLANDS, WV14 9SY	Leasehold Vacant Residential	£25,000-£29,000
9	159 SOMERSET ROAD, HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B20 2JF	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£85,000-£95,000
10	252 STOURBRIDGE ROAD, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS, DY9 7BE	Freehold Vacant Residential	£80,000-£87,000
11	35 BUXTON ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, DY2 0ST	Freehold Vacant Residential	£70,000-£78,000
12	148 OMBERSLEY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B12 8XD	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£35,000-£41,000
13	48-50 BRIDGE STREET, COSELEY, BILSTON, WEST MIDLANDS, WV14 8HY	Commercial Investment	£20,000-£25,000
14	FORMER JOB CENTRE, 70-71 PINFOLD STREET, WALSALL, WS10 8TB	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£100,000-£110,000
15	61 DURHAM ROAD, SPARKHILL, BIRMINGHAM, B11 4LQ	Freehold Vacant Residential	£100,000-£110,000
16	COLESHILL HOUSE, 20 COLESHILL ROAD, ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE, CV9 1BW	Freehold Vacant Residential	£150,000-£175,000
17	THE HOP POLE HOTEL, 9 MARKET SQUARE, BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR7 4BP	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£250,000-£280,000 + VAT
18	7 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL, WS3 2EY	Freehold Commercial Investment	£75,000-£80,000
19	9 NEWMAN ROAD, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS, DY4 0EN	Freehold Vacant Residential	£64,000-£69,000
20	41 FRIESLAND DRIVE, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV1 2AE	Freehold Vacant Residential	£68,000-£74,000
21	129 HOLLY LANE, WALSALL WOOD, WALSALL, WS9 9JH	Freehold Vacant Residential	£86,000-£94,000
22	64-65 LODGEFIELD ROAD, HALESOWEN, WEST MIDS, B62 8AR	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£160,000-£180,000
23	244 SCHOOL ROAD, YARDLEY WOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B14 4HA	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£84,000-£94,000
24	LAND LOCATED OFF STRAWBERRY LANE, WILLENHALL	Freehold Land with Potential	£5,000-£10,000
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28	5 HIGH STREET, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE, B61 0AJ	Freehold Commercial Investment	£195,000-£215,000 + VAT
29	5 DOVEDALE AVENUE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WV12 4NA	Freehold Vacant Residential	£72,000-78,000
30	7 BROOKLYN AVENUE, ASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B6 5BB	Freehold Vacant Residential	£60,000-£68,000
31	2 OLD POSTWAY, LOZELLS, BIRMINGHAM, B19 2DH	Freehold Vacant Residential	£66,000-£72,000
32	58 MERRIDALE STREET WEST, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 0RJ	Freehold Vacant Residential	£58,000-£64,000
33	MHT LTD, CHILLINGTON IND EST, HICKMAN AVENUE, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV1 2BU	Freehold Commercial Investment	£180,000-£200,000
34	DEVELOPMENT LAND BETWEEN 63 & 69 CORONATION ROAD, TIPTON, DY4 0WU	Freehold Development Land	£26,000-£32,000
35	21 MANOR ROAD, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS, DY4 8PR	Freehold Vacant Residential	£70,000-£76,000
36	620A BRISTOL ROAD SOUTH, NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2JR	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£50,000-£59,000
37	482 WARWICK ROAD, TYSELEY, BIRMINGHAM, B11 2HP	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£225,000-£255,000
38	16 BEECH GROVE, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B14 4DH	Freehold Vacant Commercial	£60,000-£68,000
39	23 ERNEST ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, DY2 7DU	Freehold Vacant Residential	£68,000-£72,000
40	3 LOCK UP GARAGES 8/0 LEACH GREEN LANE, REDNAL, BIRMINGHAM, B45 9BJ	Freehold Garages	£8,000-£10,000
41	GARAGE YARD REAR OF 75-79 BROAD STREET, COVENTRY, CV6 5AX	Freehold Garages	£34,000-£38,000
42	FGR 27 MEDINA ROAD, TYSELEY, BIRMINGHAM, B11 3SA	Freehold Ground Rent	£2,500-£3,000
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44	FGR 6 CASTLE CLOSE, 17 & 19 ANCHOR CLOSE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, B77 3EL	Freehold Ground Rents	£6,000-£8,000
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59	108 BLACKACRE ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, DY2 8LY	Freehold Vacant Residential	£68,000-£74,000
60	LAND AT 1A WORCESTER ROAD, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR11 4JU	Freehold Land	£4,000-£6,000
61	66 HOWARD ROAD, GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B43 5DS	Freehold Vacant Residential	£100,000 PLUS
62	LAND AND COAL YARD OFF WORCESTER ROAD, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR11 4AF	Freehold Development Land	£50,000 PLUS
63	LAND PARCELS AT KINGS END FARM, BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE	Freehold Land	NIL - RESERVE
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65	159 WELLINGTON ROAD, PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B20 3EE	Freehold Vacant Residential	£60,000 PLUS
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Plots 1 & 2 John Street

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Price: £165,000

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Plot 3, John Street

Spacious new build Detached House due to be completed End November 2013. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, breakfast area, staircase to first floor landing, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, integral garage and rear garden. The specification includes uPVC double glazed windows, gas central heating, choice of kitchen units from an appointed range, integrated appliances, block paved driveway and turfed rear garden CASH INCENTIVES AVAILABLE

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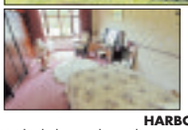

HARBORNE ROAD

A detached dormer bungalow situated in one of the area's premier locations closed to Warley Woods. Side entrance to large reception hall, lounge, study/bedroom 4, breakfast area, kitchen, utility, two bedrooms and bathroom to ground floor. Additional bedroom and bathroom to first floor. Two garages to either side (one single, one double garage) potting shed, central heating, double glazing, two driveways. EPC Rating E

Offers in the region of £425,000

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WELLESLEY ROAD

Mid terraced house, modernised in recent years to include new roof, re-fitted kitchen and bathroom. Front sitting room, understairs store cupboard, rear sitting room, re-fitted kitchen, lobby, bathroom, two bedrooms. Established garden at rear. EPC Rating E

Offers in the region of £79,950

OLDBURY

KNOTTSALL LANE

Extended traditional detached family residence. Porch, entrance hall, front sitting room, extended lounge, extended kitchen, utility, WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet. Side storeroom/workshop. Established gardens with conservatory/sun room. Garage and additional parking. ENERGY RATING E

Offers in the region of £250,000

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BRANDHALL ROAD

Semi-detached house situated in a sought after residential location. Porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing, central heating, garage and off road parking. Established rear garden. EPC Rating E

Offers in the region of £149,950

WEST BROMWICH

BEDFORD ROAD

A modern detached bungalow. Reception hall, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, enclosed rear garden, front gardens with side by side parking. EPC Rating C

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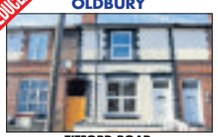

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- Kitchen
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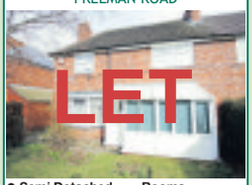

- Semi Detached House
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- SORRY NO DHSS

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West Bromwhich
VICARAGE ROAD

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
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Wednesbury
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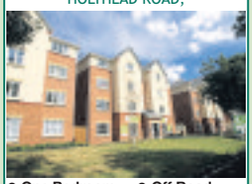

- One Bedroom
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- Ground Floor
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High street
MOXLEY

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- Off Road Parking to Rear
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West Bromwhich
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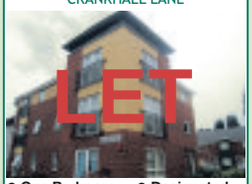
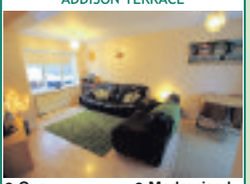


- One Bedroom
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Designated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£425 pcm

Wednesbury
ADDISON TERRACE



- One Bedroom Flat
- Ground Floor
- Lounge/Diner
- Modernised Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

£ 425 pcm

Wednesbury
ADDISON TERRACE

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- SORRY NO DHSS

£ 425 pcm

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- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS ACCEPTED

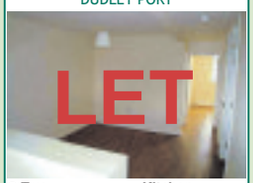
£395 PCM

Darlaston
PINFOLD STREET

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- SORRY NO DHSS

£395 PCM

Tipton
DUDLEY PORT



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- First Floor Flat
- Seperate Kitchen
- Lounge
- SORRY NO DHSS

£395 pcm

Wednesbury
WALSALL STREET

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£80,000

West Bromwich

Marsh Lane

A semi demi detached property located in the popular are of Stone Cross, West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing Essential. Energy Rating 58 (D)

£80,000

Walsall

Radford Close

Mid terraced property in need of modernisation. The Property briefly comprises of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Store Room, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating 59 (D)

£85,000

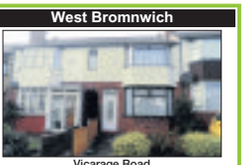
West Bromwich

Hydes Road

A well presented end terraced property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen,Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing where specified. ●●No Chain! Energy Rating 50 (E)

£94,000

West Bromnwich



Vicarage Road

Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property. Brefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, Double Glazing and Rear Garden. Energy Rating 41 (E)

£100,000

Wednesbury

Friar Park Road

Three Bedroom End Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen , Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Front & Rear Gardens. Energy Rating (D)

£105,000

Oldbury

Dovey Road

A semi-detached property briefly comprising of Three Bedroom, One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 50 (E)

£100,000

West Bromwich

Elizabeth Road

A well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen Utility Room, Conservatory, Cloakroom, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating 55 (D)

£105,000

West Bromwich

Mason Street

A well presented detached house. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, open plan style lounge/diner, Downstairs Bathroom, fitted kitchen, alarmed, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing Essential. Energy Rating 44 (E)

£110,000

West Bromwich

Navigation Lane

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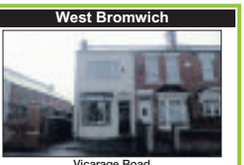
We are pleased to market this immaculate mid terraced property. The property Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Through Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Two Allocated Parking Spaces, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. EPC- TBC

£110,000

West Bromwich



Vicarage Road

Pleased to offer for sale this commercial/residential property. Having front of the property as a hairdressers. Comprising of Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. EPC- TBC ●●No Chain!

£115,000

West Bromwich

Sandfield Road

A well presented three bedroom semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recomended. EPC- TBC

£120,000

West Bromwich

Thursfield Road

Double Fronted, Mid Terraced property. Briefly comprising of Large Lounge, Dining Room, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden, Large Driveway, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 66 (D)

£130,000

West Bromwich

Brecknock Road

REDUCED BY 5,000
Well Presented Three Storey Mid Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, En Suite To Master Bedroom, Down Stairs Bathroom, Utility Room, Garage, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing Essential To Appreciate This Property. Energy Rating 80 (C)

£130,000 OIEO

West Bromwich

Monkgate Drive

An intermediate modern family home in a desirable estate; accommodation comprising of Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Allocated Parking, Alarm System, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. No Upwards Chain●● Energy Rating 79 (C)

£130,000

Oldbury

Moore Crescent

A well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, WC, Family Bathroom, Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing Essential. Energy Rating 49 (E)

£140,000

West Bromwich

Hall Green Road

A well presented traditional semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs WC, First Floor Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. NO UPWARDS CHAIN●● Energy Rating 52 (E)

£140,000

West Bromwich

Bexley Grove

Immaculately presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Upstairs Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 49 (E)

£160,000

Birmingham

Greenridge Road

A well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing is highly recommended. Energy Rating D (55)

£165,000

West Bromwich

Thursfield Road

A well presented semi detached property in a desired area of West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating 53 (E)

£165,000

Wednesbury

Knowles Street

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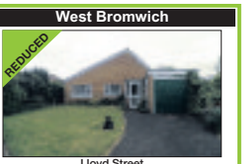
£170,000

West Bromwich



Lloyd Street

REDUCED BY 10,000
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£249,950

West Bromwich

Camberley, Beacon View Road

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£360 PCM + Fees

Wednesbury

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A well presented ground floor flat, briefly comprising of spacious lounge, modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Parking Space. Available immediately for 6 months to long term. Energy Rating 72 (C)

£475PCM +Fees

Dudley

Cornflower Crescent

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Oldbury

Wolverhampton Road

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- LOUNGE, KITCHEN
- ELECTRIC HEATING ● DOUBLE GLAZED
- ●VACANT POSSESSION ●EPC RATING: D

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- SUPERIOR TWO BED TOP FLOOR APARTMENT
- LOUNGE, FITTED KITCHEN, BATHROOM
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- ELECTRIC HEATING & ALLOCATED PARKING
- COMMUNAL GARDENS ● EPC RATING: C

OFFERS £89,950

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WEDNESBURY

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
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- EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN
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OFFERS AROUND £93,000

WEST BROMWICH
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- TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM END TOWN HOUSE
- POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA
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- ●VACANT POSSESSION ●EPC RATING: F

OFFERS £94,950

WEDNESBURY
KING STREET

- TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- EN SUITE TO MASTER ● FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
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- NO UPWARD CHAIN & GARAGE. EPC RATING C

OFFERS £109,950

WEST BROMWICH
WITTON LANE

- TRADITIONAL TWO BED SEMI ● THROUGH LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- POPULAR & ESTABLISHED LOCATION ● CONSERVATORY
- GARDEN WITH SUNNY ASPECT● REAR DETACHED GARAGE
- SHOWER ROOM
- EPC RATING E

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WEDNESBURY
WILLINGSWORTH ROAD

- TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM END TERRACE
- THROUGH LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- PARKING & GARAGE ● LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC RATING: D

OFFERS £109,950

WEST BROMWICH
BRINDLEY ROAD

- EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- ENLARGED LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM/WC/BEDROOM
- OFF ROAD BLOCK PAVED PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED & CENTRAL HEATING ● EPC RATING C

OFFERS £114,950

ADDISON CLOSE
WEDNESBURY

- EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- LARGER THAN AVERAGE CORNER PLOT ●TWO RECEPTIONS
- RE FITTED KITCHEN ● HUGE CONSERVATORY (18")
- LAVISH BATHROOM WITH FOUR PERSON HOT TUB
- EPC RATING:D

OFFERS £114,950

WEDNESBURY
VICARAGE ROAD

- SPACIOUS 2/3 BED END TERRACE WITH ATTIC ROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS & FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM & ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING ●EPC RATING E
- NO UPWARD CHAIN.

OFFERS £119,950

WEST BROMWICH
BRINDLEY ROAD

- DOUBLE FRONTED THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ● RE-FITTED KITCHEN & BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- ENCLOSED LAWN REAR GARDEN
- EPC RATING C

OFFERS £124,950

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- EPC RATING E

OFFERS £149,950

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- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- EXTENDED KITCHEN ● GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS. ● EPC E

OFFERS £149,995

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VICARAGE ROAD

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- MODERN FITTINGS,LOVELY BREAKFAST KITCHEN & LARGE LOUNGE
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING, ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN.
- NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING C

OFFERS £164,950

ARBOR COURT
WEDNESBURY

- TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
- LOCATED IN QUIET, PRIVATE CUL DE SAC
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- CONDENSING CENTRAL HEATING EPC: C

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- spacious family accommodation
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC

OFFERS AROUND: £107,000
Viewing:

St Johns Road Tipton

- purpose built ground floor flat
- in need of repair / attention
- no upward chain
- 2 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £44,950
Viewing:

Oakley Avenue Tipton

- semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- superbly presented accommodation
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC

OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
Viewing:

Russell Close Tipton

- Modern Detached
- double glazing + gas central heating
- 4 bedrooms
- Energy Rating D,

OFFERS AROUND: £235,000
Viewing:

Callaghan Drive Oldbury

- modern executive detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- family accommodation
- 3 bedrooms + ensuite, epc rating C

OFFERS AROUND: £174,950
Viewing:

Barney Close Tipton

- Modern Detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- 4 bedrooms + en suite
- , epc rating D

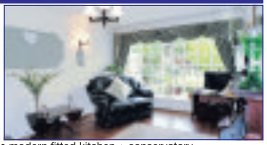
OFFERS AROUND: £190,000
Viewing:

Spring Meadow Tipton

- modern link detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- loft conversion
- 5 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing:

Wednesbury Oak Road Tipton


- immaculate detached dormer bungalow
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- superb internal accommodation
- epc rating TBC
- lounge + sitting room
- modern fitted kitchen + conservatory
- 2 bedrooms
- sought after location, side garage

Viewing
OFFERS AROUND: £205,000

Far High Drive Tipton

- Modern Executive Detached
- UPVc Double Glazing + Gas Central Heating
- Garage Conversion
- 4 / 5 bedrooms, epc rating C

OFFERS AROUND: £234,950
Viewing:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Locarno Road

NOTICE OF OFFER:- 86 Locarno Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 9SB . We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £75,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Agents Address:Paul Dubberley & Co, 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF. Tel:- 0121 522 3733. EPC Rating E

Salter Road Tipton

- Much improved end terrace
- immaculate accommodation
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- 2 bedrooms, epc rating E

OFFERS AROUND: £87,000
Viewing:

Charlemont Road West Bromwich — NEW

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Garages To Side
- Spacious Rear Garden
- Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £320,000
Viewing:

Hawkins Street West Bromwich — NEW

- Substancial Detached Property
- Superb Entrance Hallway
- Six Bedrooms
- Energy Rating, Three En Suite Bathrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £425,000
Viewing:

Walsall Road West Bromwich — NEW

- Extended Semi Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- Downstairs Shower Room
- EPC Rating D, Superb Upstairs Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
Viewing:

Heath Lane West Bromwich — NEW

- Sought After Residential Location
- Deceptively Spacious Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Two Reception Rooms

OFFERS AROUND: £150,000
Viewing:

Little Lane West Bromwich — NEW

- Opposite Sandwell Hospital
- Spacious Traditional Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Energy Rating D, Two Family Bathrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Gladstone Street West Bromwich — NEW

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Close To All Amenities
- Two Bedrooms
- Energy Rating C, Double Glazed Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

Harrington Croft West Bromwich — REDUCED

- Modern Detached
- Corner Plot Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Energy Rating C, En Suite To Master

OFFERS AROUND: £275,000
Viewing:

Lyndhurst Road West Bromwich — REDUCED

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Energy Rating E, Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing:

Woodward Street West Bromwich

- Traditional Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Downstairs Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing:

Denbeigh Drive West Bromwich

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- , Lounge With Coal Burning Fire

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing:

Christina Court West Bromwich

- First Floor Flat
- Garden to Front
- Ideal Retirement Accommodation
- Energy Rating TBC, Security Gated Entrance

OFFERS AROUND: £95,000
Viewing:

Tompstone Road West Bromwich

- End Of Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating TBC, Garage To Rear

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cook Street

55 Cook Street Wednesbury WS10 9RW.

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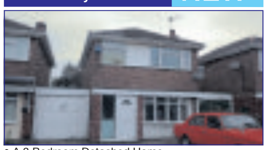
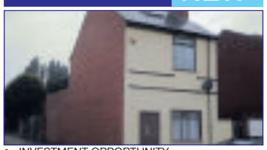
Gillingham Close Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Cul-d-Sac Location & No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating: 52 (E), Lounge & Separate Dining

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing:

Cook Street Darlaston — NEW

- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
- 2 Bedroom Detached Home
- Sitting in Extensive Gardens on Corner Plot
- EPC Rating: 39 (E), Planning Consent Already

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
Viewing:

Squires Walk Wednesbury

- Sunstantial Secluded 5 Bedroom Edwardian Detached Home
- Very Exclusive Location
- Reception Hall with Parquet Floor

OFFERS AROUND: £385,000
Viewing:

Poplar Road Wednesbury

- Impressive Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing:

Wiley Avenue Darlaston

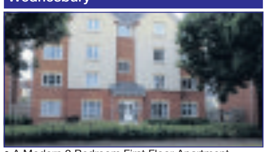
- An Extended & Well Maintained 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £108,000
Viewing:

Dorsett Road Wednesbury

- A Traditional & Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detache
- Well Presented
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: D, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

Holyhead Road Wednesbury

- A Modern 2 Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Electric Storage Heating & Double Glazing
- Secure Entrance & Reception Hall
- EPC Rating: D, Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
Viewing:

Kent Road Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home (with expandable floor space in loft space)
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Doubel Glazing (As spec.)

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing:

Johnson Road Wednesbury

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Excellent Transport Links
- EPC Rating: D, Recently Re-Decorated 17ft Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £93,000
Viewing:

Maple Leaf Road Wednesbury

- An Immaculate 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Extensively Modified to Accommodate Modern Family Living

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF: £170,000
Viewing:

The Furlong Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Up Ward Chain!
- Energy Rating D, Reception Hall

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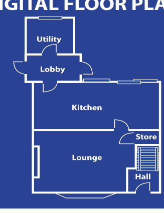

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Motoring

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The 513bhp Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet which has a top speed of 197mph and costs £126,766

New Porsche revealed for LA show

THE new Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet has been revealed ahead of its launch at the Los Angeles Motor Show.

The model takes a largely familiar format to models that have gone before it, but this time the German firm's releasing two Turbo models at the same time. The 513bhp Turbo Cabriolet will be the entry point to the forced-induction 911 duo, starting at £126,766 before options. Thanks to four-wheel drive, it can sprint from 0-62mph in 3.5 seconds – 0.3 seconds slower than its coupe counterpart.

It shares a 197mph top speed and a fuel economy average of 28.5mpg with the more powerful Turbo S model, which completes the industry-standard launch to 62mph in just 3.2 seconds. It does, however, cost £149,511, which takes account of some improved interior appointments and upgraded features over the Turbo.

The two new 911s have been built with a new, wider bodyshell that adds 28mm to the overall width at the rear wheels compared to the widest current 911. Previously, Turbo models have used the Carrera 4's already widened shell.

New Chinese marque is proving to be a safe bet

FLEDGLING Chinese car brand Qoros has scored an impressive five-star Euro NCAP result with its first car, the 3 saloon.

Bolstering a 95 per cent score in the long-established adult occupant protection and an 87 per cent awarded for child passenger protection is an excellent 77 per cent for pedestrian protection – a high score in what is a developing category.

The 95 per cent is, according to Qoros, the highest adult occupant protection score awarded by Euro NCAP in 2013, and has helped the brand achieve its status as the first Chinese-based manufacturer to produce a five-star car in the notoriously challenging crash test regime.

Crucial

Volker Steinwascher, vice-chairman of Qoros, said: "The safety of our vehicles was one of our key development goals from the start.

"It's a crucial demonstration that our customers are the most important consideration and it also says a great deal about the engineering integrity of the car as a whole."

The first car from Qoros, the 3 saloon – an impressive five-star Euro NCAP result

Andy Piper, chief engineer of vehicle safety and homologation explains: "The 2013 Euro NCAP protocol demands very accurate computer simulations when calculating the pedestrian protection performance. As industry standard pedestrian models were not sophisticated enough for this purpose, Qoros developed its own models.

"The outcome is that we are proud to have developed one of the best pedestrian protection systems ever assessed by Euro NCAP without any compromise to our distinctive styling or our class-leading aerodynamics performance."

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Motoring

New look for Subaru Outback crossover

A new look, inside and out, for the 2014 model year Subaru Outback

A world first, the new powertrain pairing delivers major improvements

LAUNCHED in Europe in 1996, the original Subaru Outback pioneered the 'crossover' concept, combining the comfort, interior space and superior on-road handling of a family estate with the off-road capability and ground clearance of a sports utility vehicle.

Upgraded for the 2014 model year, Subaru engineers have now realised further improvements to the Outback, enhancing the car's handling characteristics with revised suspension components and the latest incarnation of Subaru's Vehicle Dynamics Control.

The model also features a revised design for both the interior and exterior.

However, the most significant change for the Outback is the introduction of a new powertrain pairing. A world first, Subaru engineers have combined the popular 2.0-litre Boxer diesel engine with a Lineartronic CVT (continuously variable transmission) – bringing improvements in driveability, fuel economy and emissions while also widening the car's appeal immensely.

With the new engine and gearbox combination the 2014 MY Subaru Outback will return 44.8mpg and 166g/km CO2 on the combined cycle.

The Outback line-up has received a visual upgrade, refreshing the vehicle's looks. Emphasising the Outback's sense of toughness and its ability to tackle all roads and conditions, the latest model features body-coloured cladding in place of the previous iteration's black plastic.

Colours

Buyers now have a wider range of colours to choose from – including two new colours: Deep Sea Blue Pearl and Dark Grey Metallic – while larger fog lamps and the addition of a gloss black finish to the front headlamps give the car greater road presence than before. The alloy wheels now have a gunmetal finish as standard.

The upgraded cabin of the latest Outback features clearer and more modern instrumentation – including the addition of a liquid crystal instrument cluster display and new materials for a number of dashboard elements.

Black metallic panels bring about a more modern and premium appearance and feel, while instruments within the cockpit have been moved to improve user-friendliness.

Subaru engineers have worked hard to further improve the Outback's ride and handling, notably through alterations to the car's front and rear suspension. The result is a more stable ride and increased comfort for occupants.

The engine and front and rear suspension systems – the latter with a self-levelling feature as standard – are mounted on their own sub-frames, bringing about reduced vibration and noise.

The fourth-generation Outback's double-wishbone rear suspension is compact enough to give buyers a 526-litre luggage area (with the rear seats upright).

The Outback continues to offer a significant 200mm of ground clearance, while the placement of the compact, horizontally-opposed engine and transmission afford a typically Subaru-like low centre of gravity, endowing the Outback with high levels of cornering stability.

Subaru's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system features on all Outback models.

For those equipped with a manual transmission, the AWD technology is accompanied by Active Torque Split, and for those with the Lineartronic CVT it is coupled with a centre differential with viscous limited slip differential. Both drivetrain layouts deliver reassuring driving dynamics in all conditions, both on- and off-road.

Lineartronic

The 2014 MY Subaru Outback 2.0D Lineartronic variant will feature a new trim level, the SX. High levels of standard equipment are featured inside and out.

For the exterior there are new 17in gunmetal alloy wheels, along with body-coloured bumpers, body-coloured power folding door mirrors (with integrated LED indicator repeaters), and matching colour-coded door handles. Silver roof rails and a roof spoiler are other exterior accents, while a power-sliding glass sunroof (with sunshade) and UV protected front, side and rear glass also feature.

Self-levelling automatic HID headlamps and rain sensing wipers add convenience for the driver.

Further highlights include front fog lights, pop-up headlight washers, heated mirrors, rear window defogger with timer, front and side window defrosters, and a windscreen wiper de-icer function.

Inside, the new SX model provides the Outback with a wealth of useful equipment.

Audio and cruise control functions are present on the leather-trimmed steering wheel, while new sports seats at the front are heated to provide extra comfort when the weather turns cold.

For further comfort and convenience of driver and passengers, dual-zone automatic air-conditioning, Bluetooth hands-free system, audio system with USB connectivity and a VGA centre display with rear vision camera are all present.

New speedometer and rev counter dials feature in the Outback's upgraded instrument binnacle, while a one-touch lane change facility has also been added which activates the indicators to flash three times.

Additional features of leather interior and satellite navigation are available as dealer fit options if the customers wish to upgrade.

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Tough guy is given a makeover by Toyota

THE Toyota Land Cruiser enjoys a global reputation as an ultimate go-anywhere vehicle, a status built on its formidable performance in the world's toughest environments over more than 60 years.

Throughout that time, Land Cruiser has been progressively developed to harness new technologies to extend its capabilities, both on-road and off, and to increase in customer appeal in terms of styling, comfort and practicality.

Toyota has introduced a series of improvements that give Land Cruiser new styling, an improved interior and revised handling for the 2014 model year.

The reworked design preserves the model's distinctive identity, while the interior changes raise quality, convenience and ease of use. Detailed adjustments to the suspensions systems – both the standard set-up and the Kinetic Dynamic Suspension System (KDSS) featured on higher grade models – deliver even better stability and ride comfort.

The new front-end treatment is the stand-out feature of the 2014 Land Cruiser's refreshed design. Toyota has introduced a more prominent grille that marks an evolution of the traditional arrangement of five parallel vertical bars, giving them a stronger appearance and sinking them into the upper edge of the new, deeper front bumper. According to model grade, the bars have a metallic or silver finish.

Contrasting

The new headlamp clusters and running lights now form a single unit with the grille and the entire structure is set higher, making it less vulnerable to damage when driving off-road. The lamp units incorporate the high and low beam lights, turn indicators and DRLs; halogen or LED headlights and DRLs will be offered, according to grade. In a neat touch, the units feature discreet Land Cruiser branding and a contrasting black and powder-coated aluminium internal finish.

The over-size bumper has a two-step design that further protects the headlights above. In spite of adding 20mm to the front overhang, its sharply cut-away bottom edge means there is no change to the vehicle's turning circle (5.2m for the three-door, 5.8m for the five-door) or its approach angle when driving off-road. The wheelbase and rear overhang are unchanged, with overall vehicle lengths increased to 4,335mm (three-door) and 4,780mm (five-door).

At the rear the lamp clusters have been redesigned with clear lens blocks and red accents and the licence plate surround has been rendered more prominent.

The reworked design preserves the model's rugged identity

New 17 and 18-inch wheel designs have been introduced and the range of exterior colours will include a number of new mica finishes.

The new Land Cruiser's cabin gains new trims and detailing that raise the overall tactile and perceived quality. The dashboard has been redesigned with a focus on making the vehicle's drive systems easier to access and monitor.

The centre console gains a new switch panel that brings together the controls for the on and off-road driving technologies. These include a new selector dial for the five-mode Multi-Terrain Select and five-step Crawl Control, flanked by switches for the all-wheel drive and Adaptive Variable Suspension.

Making the systems easier to use doesn't end there: the new 2014 Land Cruiser also gains a 4.2-inch TFT colour screen, set between the main meters in the driver's instrument binnacle. The choice of function has been extended to include an angle gauge, traction control operation on each wheel and the status of the differential locks. The driver can select the screen functions using a control on the steering wheel, with additional new options including tyre pressure warning, headlamp levelling, traction control "off" confirmation and Blind Spot Monitor alerts.

The Optitron speedometer and tachometer have a new look, with thinner needles and blue illumination.

Figures show that the '13' plate has been the best selling six month period for new car sales in five years

Bumper sales send an upbeat message

THE '13' registration number has proved lucky for new car sales in the UK as it has been the best selling six-month period in nine registration plate changes.

From March 1 to the end of August, the number of 13-plate cars sold totalled 1,115,459 in the UK to make this the most successful new car sales period in five years.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, which compiles new car sales information, says this bodes well for the 63-reg that began on September 1. It reckons more the £6 billion will be spent on new cars in the six months from September 1 to the end of February 2014.

"We have seen a strong performance from the new car market throughout 2013, with the number of cars registered increasing in July for the 17th successive month," said Mike Baunton, SMMT interim chief executive.

"Now we have evidence of consistent growth, we have raised our forecast for 2013 new car registrations to 2.216 million units, an increase of over eight per cent on last year,' he added.

'In line with this positive trend, we expect the new 63 plate to be very successful and for September registrations to provide a similar peak to that seen in March."

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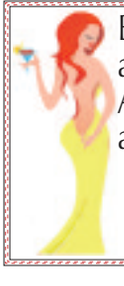

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Morgan is happy at Albion, says agent

Morgan Amalfitano

MORGAN AMALFITANO'S agent has told Italian clubs eyeing the Albion sensation that he is going nowhere.

The on-loan Marseille wideman is described as 'very happy' at the Baggies raising the Hawthorns club's hopes of clinching a permanent deal next summer.

Agent Ludovic Fattizzo has told both Roma and Juventus, who have been linked to Amalfitano, that it is 'impossible' for them to sign him in January.

Reports in the Italian media this week claimed Turin-based Serie A giants Juventus could compete for

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Amalfitano's signature, if not in January, then when his Albion loan stint ends in the summer. Baggies head coach Steve Clarke is keen to hang on to the 27-year-old midfielder, who has been a big hit in a transformed Albion side, scoring against Manchester United in the historic 2-1 victory.

His performances have also attracted the attention of Roma, who sit top of Serie A with seven straight wins. They are managed by Frenchman Rudi Garcia, who knows Amalfitano well, having been coach of Lille for five years before taking up the position in Italy.

However, Fattizzo said: "The boy at the moment is very happy where he is, the Premier League excites him.

"We will not see him transfer now, indeed I would say that there is zero chance for January, maybe in June."

His impact at Albion has been confirmed by his team-mates who have been equally stunned by Amalfitano's smooth adaption to Premier League football.

Defender Billy Jones, who shares duties on the right-flank with him, said: "Straight away he made an impact. I've been in the situation when you sign and people are judging you – 'what's this guy all about?' So we were looking at all of the signings. But he's been good, technically he's been very, very good and obviously the qualities he's shown while dribbling he's just gone on and on.

"We knew we were fortunate to get 'Sess' (Stephane Sessegnon)on because I know whenever we've played Sunderland he's been their best player. And Victor (Anichebe) always scores against us – and we know the kind of player he is. But we

Skipper leads the way in a tries feast

Barton-u- Needwood U-13 0
Handsworth U13 68

HANDSWORTH were first on the scoreboard through skipper Louis Smith, who converted his own try.

Oliver Mascoll added to the tally when he scored with a great run up the wing to place the ball under the posts. Smith again converted to take Handsworth 14-0 up after five minutes.

After a massive tackle by Finn Mosley, Mascoll was free to score his second of the game.

Tom Cleary took the tally to 26 and Ed 'Spud' Mallaband increased it even further before another Smith try.

Cleary also put a second over the line which was followed by Mascoll for his hat-trick.

Mascoll carried on in the second half where he left off in the first catching the ball and running all the way through Barton players in the middle of the pitch to score.

After another two tries from Mallaband and one more converted the referee called the game after 50 minutes.

Plenty of ambition for boxers

WEDNESBURY ABC pushed through four of the seven fighters they had involved in the West Midlands stages of the National Ambition Boxing Championships.

Declan Millward, Kyle Shirley, Sam Evans and Jack Wood all progressed. Kashif Khan and Dillon Rattu both lost, while Jake Doody pulled out through illness.

The county round took place at Donnington Sports & Social Club, Telford, with Millward on at 54kg in Class A, for boxers born in 1997.

He used straight shots to defeat Tamworth's Lewis Pritchard by unanimous points decision. Shirley, at 63kg, saw off Pleck's Rocky Lee, by majority.

Evans took out Pleck's Haran Bains at 57kg in Class B for fighters born in 1996 with a right hook to the body in the final round.

Wood received a bye but Rattu was outpointed unanimously by Sam Holt, from Nechells, Birmingham. Khan lost at 63kg. Wodensborough's Benjamin Whittaker was in action at 66kg.

Second-half dominance not enough to earn win

Wednesbury 21 Handsworth 25

WEDNESBURY'S opponents were their local rival Handsworth. These games are always fiercely competitive and this one was no exception.

Handsworth were the better starters to this game, taking the lead after only minutes with a penalty.

Ten minutes later they increased their lead with a converted try and this was the wake-up call for Wednesbury.

At the half way point of the half they hit back with an amazing try.

Wednesbury's defence intercepted a Handsworth pass deep in their own half.

They passed to Rhys Nickle, who ran the remainder of the pitch to go over under the posts. Tom Huggins converted.

With only a few minutes of the first half remaining Handsworth increased their lead with another well-taken penalty.

There were no further points and the half ended Wednesbury 7 Handsworth 13.

Dominated

The second half started as the first had with Handsworth getting first points with a converted try.

From this point on Wednesbury dominated the remainder of the match.

The paid off when Huggins chipped a clever kick over the Handsworth defence.

Mitch Grearly wrong-footed their defence to catch the ball.

He raced forward and laid on a pass for George Ingham

Rugby

to finish off the move with a try under the posts. Huggins converted.

Five minutes later Chris Bartley finished off another well-worked moved to score Wednesbury's third try.

George Ingham kicked the conversion to give Wednesbury a well-deserved lead.

With only a minute remaining Handsworth managed to work their way through the Wednesbury defence to get the match-winning try, which was not converted.

So, for the second week running Wednesbury, lost a game that they should have won.

Wednesbury's man of the match was awarded to Nickle for an outstanding game.

This week Wednesbury have a break from league action and travel to Cheltenham North to play in the second round of RFU Senior Vase. The kick-off is at 3pm.

In other matches, Wednesbury Seconds lost away to Handsworth Seconds 25-17.

Lee Baker getting stuck in for the tackle for Wednesbury during the match against local rivals Handsworth

England talk boosts confidence of defender

ALBION defender Billy Jones will let his football do the talking as support for the full-back's England credentials gathers pace.

His growing army of Hawthorns admirers rate him one of the most improved English players in the Premier League and worthy of an opportunity under Roy Hodgson – his old Albion boss and the man who gave him his top-flight chance.

The Shrewsbury-born 26-year-old is one of only 60-odd English-qualified players to regularly start in the Premier League but has Liverpool's Glen Johnson – currently injured – and Tottenham's Kyle Walker ahead of him in the England set up.

"Playing well in the Premier League as an Englishman, people are going to talk about playing for England," Jones said.

"All I'm concentrating on is playing well in the Premier League for Albion and hopefully that will bring us wins, more points. As for England – the right-backs at the moment are top class. They prove that week in, week out.

"It's nice to hear. It gives you confidence.

"I feel more like a Premier League player now than I ever have done.

Two takes Tivs into the next round

Stafford Town FC 0
Tividale 2

ONCE again Tividale rang out the changes for this Walsall Senior Cup tie against Stafford Town.

It was from a harmless looking Ryan Winwood corner on 33 minutes that seemed to bobble into the net at the near post with Karl Edwards claiming the last touch.

Ben Sturgeon then pulled off three great saves in succession to end the half with Tividale with a slight advantage.

The second half was again played mostly in the Stafford half, but Tividale was unable to extend their lead mainly due to more great saves from Sturgeon

With four minutes to go a Stafford Town defensive blunder let in Brett Clark to nod home Tividale's second and make the tie safe. In the end a decent workout for the Tivs.

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It's good Evans in finals of Masters

George Masters Finals

DESPITE the poor weather a crowd of around 200 turned out to see Staffordshire's Paul Evans defeat Glyn Picknell from Shropshire in the bowls final of The George Masters and take the £1,000 first prize.

Evans had a close call in his first round game defeating fellow Staffordshire bowler Craig Barker 31-30, while Picknell beat top Lancashire player Simon Coupe 31-20.

In the second round Evans defeated Gary Smelt from W&W 31-21 with Picknell despatching Staffordshire's Scott Simpson 31-25.

At the semi-final stage Evans beat current British Champion Greg Smith 31-27, with Picknell winning 31-23 against the games number one player Gary Ellis from Manchester.

The final which was played in persistent rain saw Picknell lead for most of the game being 14-5 up at one stage, but Evans slowly clawed his way back to get the scores level at 26-26.

Evans then went in front for the first time and didn't drop another shot to win 31-26 and take the title.

Team's boss pays tribute

JUBILANT Dudley Heathens team boss Will Pottinger paid tribute to his side after they lifted the National League trophy for the first time in 30 years.

The table-topping Heathens put in a top- class performance to complete a memorable win and capture the ultimate prize for speedway riders.

An elated Pottinger hailed his team as he finally got his hands on the trophy after four years of disappointment.

"It feels absolutely awesome," he said.

"We've been so close a couple of times, but we've finally got over the line and it's an amazing feeling," he added

"We knew we couldn't afford to let King's Lynn back into it early on, but we made an excellent start to the meeting to settle the nerves a bit.

"They got an 8-1 which brought them back into it, but we managed to finish the job with a brilliant 5-1 from Lewis (Blackbird) and Dan (Greenwood).

"It was a superb performance."

Five goals, three missed penalties and a red

Ben Hadley

Tipton 3 Dunkirk 2

Football

A CRAZY game at Tipton Sports Academy saw five goals, three missed penalties and a sending off as Town maintained their unbeaten run at home.

Ben Hadley enjoyed the ultimate sweet and sour day, scoring two goals – including the winner – but also failing to score any of his three attempts at goal from the spot, although one was converted on the rebound.

In a first half that with little quality, the lead was taken by the visitors on 15 minutes when Louis Guest bundled home after a spell of pinball in the box saw no less than four chances fall to Dunkirk. Tipton equalised on 29 minutes when brilliant work by Mensah Kinch on the right saw him rob Kadeem Brown of possession and feed the ball across to Marvin Nisbett to tap home from close range.

The 1-1 scoreline at the break was probably right on the balance of play in a half that had few chances but plenty of energy. Tipton took the lead on 49 minutes when Hadley missed his first of three penalties as Kinch was felled in the box.

Dunkirk keeper Jake Want produced an excellent save but Hadley controlled the ball before slotting home on the rebound. Four minutes later, the referee again pointed to the spot after a handball and once again Hadley stepped up, only to blast the spot kick against the crossbar.

A mad 15 minutes for Hadley continued on 61 minutes when a flick by Nisbett found the striker, who twisted and turned his defenders before chipping past Want to give Tipton a 3-1 lead.

With five minutes to go and with the home side seemingly in complete control, a superb finish by Brown on the break created a nervous finish.

Deep in injury time, Nisbett's shot was handled on the line by Mario Lopez, who was sent off, and a penalty awarded. Hadley was given the chance to complete his hat-trick, but for a third time failed as Want made an excellent save.

TIVS FIGHT HARD TO STAY NINE FOR NINE

Tividale FC 2 Rocester FC 0

TIVIDALE made it nine out of nine in the MFA league with a hard-fought but deserved victory against a gallant Rocester side.

Comparing the relevant positions in the league table and current form, on paper this was down as a comfortable home win, but it was far from it.

Football

The first 10 minutes lived up to the billing as Tividale took control and missed three outstanding chances that should have been easier to convert than miss, with Michael Wardle, Stuart How and Ryan Winwood the guilty culprits.

This was the theme for the remainder of first half as the home side failed to convert any of about a dozen clear-cut chances.

Crashed

The closest was a Wardle effort that crashed off the crossbar with Rocester keeper Wayne Smith well beaten.

Rocester played with 10 men behind the ball and Tom Cooper-Richards as the lone striker.

Although most of the time he was nothing more than nuisance value he always looked likely to cash in on any defensive mishap.

The opposition's lack of attacking strategy allowed Tividale to dominate possession throughout the half without the breakthrough.

The second half was much the same but Tividale quickened their play and showed more urgency without getting the breakthrough.

Rocester's back line became more confident and no doubt felt they were going to take away a point, especially as their attack looked more threatening. With the game edging towards stalemate Tividale made a double change.

Wing back Jason Chilton was brought on for some pace down the flanks and forward Brett Clark to see if he could get some change out of a tiring Rocester defence.

With 10 minutes to go the breakthrough finally came and Clark had a major hand in it, rolling the ball into strike partner Nathan Waite on the edge of the box and as keeper Smith came out to close him down he coolly passed the ball past him and into the bottom left hand corner.

On 83 minutes it was 2-0. This time it was Chilton's free kick to the far post was headed back across the box by Richard Huckfield and Waite on hand to fire home the second.

In the dying seconds of injury time Rocester looked to have had a consolation when Tividale keeper Charles Price did not get enough on a clearance and the ball found its way to Cooper-Richards.

To everyone in the ground his shot had goal written on it until Richard Huckfield flung himself to clear it.

Goalscorer Nathan Waite in action for Tividale during their hard-earned victory against Rocester

Robins chirping in derby

Cradley Town 2
Dudley Town 4

DUDLEY TOWN maintained their perfect West Midlands Premier away record after a three-goal burst in 11 second-half minutes settled the derby clash with Cradley Town.

The visitors scored first when Rob Whitley rose above the Cradley back line to power home.

Parity was soon restored when a low corner deceived Tommy Harper in the Dudley goal, allowing Chris Bladen to steal in at the far post and rack up his 12th goal of the campaign.

The game turned with the introduction of Dreniz Bala in the 63rd minute.

The Croat was the architect to restore The Robins' lead just two minutes later when a neat passing move with Craig Stevens allowed space for Adam Callinswood to fire a low shot past Jones.

It was 3-1 just moments later, Bala's low pass finding Rion Francis-Mills to score.

Dudley got a fourth, Stevens smashing home a drive on 76 minutes after good work again from Bala.

With three minutes to go, Ross Love turned the ball past his keeper but it was too late for a Cradley comeback.

Berahino's goals add to pressure

ALBION have come under fresh pressure to tie down Saido Berahino after the striker bagged two goals for England under-21s.

The 20-year-old, who is in talks over a new deal at the Hawthorns, in the 5-0 win over Lithuania.

Berahino has enjoyed a stunning start to the season and Albion are keen to extend his current deal.

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